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Critics question Harper's charity

Saving Every Woman, Every Child. Critics call $2.85B 'grandstanding' ahead of world summit

Every day about 800 women, mostly in developing countries, die from preventable causes related to pregnancy and childbirth, reports the World Health Organization.

At the same time, some 18,000 children under the age of five also die daily. That is, if they actually survived birth.

Which is why, in 2010, Prime Minister Stephen Harper launched his G8 Muskoka Initiative to join other UN member nations in working to achieve the Millennial Development Goals on maternal and child health.

On Wednesday at the Royal York hotel, Harper will open a three-day international summit, where NGOs and maternal-health experts from around the world will come to discuss nutrition, immunization and other matters.

"Achieving our goal is within arm's reach," he said in April. "All the more reason to redouble our common efforts."

In 2010, Canada pledged $2.85 billion, which, according to the summit's website, is being invested in maternal and child health centres in Bangladesh, HIV testing in Ethiopia and nutrition education in Mali and Mozambique.

But there's no shortage of critics of that spending, for which there is no publicly available accounting and which runs out in 2015.

"I don't know where the money has gone; I haven't seen any breakdown," charges Stephen Lewis, the former UN special envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa who currently teaches courses on the Millennial Development Goals at Ryerson University.

Lewis accuses the government of publishing numbers that suggest Canada's efforts have been responsible for a major reduction in deaths. But, he points out, there's been only marginal progress since 2010.

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Stakes

The McLeod Group, a foreign policy think-tank, published a scathing series of editorials this week that attacked the Harper government for "grandstanding" but not delivering.

- "Women and girls are dying in developing countries to appease the still-strong anti-choice lobby amongst the grassroots 'core' of Conservative supporters," it reads.

THE PRICE OF GLORY

A demonstrator shouts slogans against FIFA in Brasilia on Tuesday. Indigenous protesters in traditional dress clashed with police in Brazil's capital, forcing the cancellation of a ceremony to open the exhibition of the World Cup trophy. Police fired tear-gas canisters as protesters tossed them back, along with stones and pieces of wood. Brazilians are outraged by the billions being spent by their government on the upcoming tournament. More World Cup coverage, page 33. ERALDO PERES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Human trafficking conviction a first for T.O.

Ruling. Man forced two women to prostitute themselves

After being forced into prostitution, robbed of their earnings and stripped of their identification documents, two young Ontario women who are among Canada's estimated 1,500 annual human trafficking victims were handed justice in an inaugural ruling this week.

Tyrone Burton, 30, became the first person convicted of human trafficking in the city of Toronto on Monday, found guilty of a slew of prostitution charges of the kind one detective says are "very" difficult to prove in court.

"We're out there trying to protect these girls, but it's a struggle. So this was a good day for us," said Det. Const. Peter Brady, a member of the Toronto police Human Trafficking Enforcement Team and one of the detectives on the case.

Burton was arrested in December 2012, with police alleging he had controlled the movements of two women, aged 19 and 21, forced them to prostitute themselves and kept all their earnings for several weeks before the women escaped and went to police.

Transit point

A recent Library of Parliament report on human trafficking found Toronto is among the "principal destinations or transit points (in Canada) for individuals, both foreign nationals and domestic residents, who have been trafficked."

The conviction, handed down by Ontario Court Justice Bruno Cavion, is only the latest on Burton's long rap sheet. In 2007, he was sentenced to three years in federal prison after molesting a babysitter while the three young children she was watching were left unattended in another room. Before that, he was convicted of assault, counterfeiting money, and drugs and firearms possession.

Brady says human trafficking offences are extremely difficult to prove, in large part because of the "bizarre dynamic" that abusers skillfully develop with their victims.

"The girls are terrified of their abuser, yet they still feel protective," he said, adding it's similar to Stockholm syndrome, when hostages feel sympathy toward captors to the point of defending them.

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Teams show can-do spirit

Teams of architects, designers and engineers created 19 sculptures with canned food overnight Monday, part of the 15th annual CANstruction event in support of the Daily Bread Food Bank. The structures are on display in the lobby of the TD Towers until June 1. Seen here is Queen's Feast by BA Consulting Group, winner of best use of labels. CONTRIBUTED

Meet the Phone Ranger

Officer Norm Deneault, seen with his unmarked police cruiser, is lassoing some pretty impressive numbers when it comes to distracted drivers, recently issuing his 3,000th distracted-driving fine. Lately he finds drivers are placing their cellphones on their lap while they talk, thinking the cops won't notice. But Deneault has a sixth sense, he says. He'll pull up beside the driver in an unmarked department SUV and look down into the driver's lap to see for certain.

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Tory takes heat from opponents for transit plan

The pressing demand for transit relief in the city has mayoral candidates warring over how much, how far and how long until Torontonians are no longer just sardines travelling over an hour between Finch and Union stations.

On Tuesday mayoral candidate John Tory proposed the most comprehensive — and expensive — transit plan to date.

Tory promised an overground rapid transit relief line stretching from Mississauga, through Etobicoke, and up to Markham using mostly existing GO Transit rail at a cost of $8 billion.

Tory's top opponents quickly retaliated, accusing him of flipping on an earlier push for a downtown subway and calling his plans for funding "unsupported" and not "feasible."

"John Tory is not going to electrify the GO service and add 22 stops in seven years. That's simply not realistic," Karen Stintz told reporters Tuesday.

Financing plan

- John Tory said funds can be raised over 30 years by using what's called tax increment financing. Legislation passed by the province in 2006 gives cities a way to borrow money by leveraging future revenue from property taxes to build projects now.
- Once the project being funded is complete, those increased tax revenues would be put back into general city revenues for other use.

Yet the plan for an all-day, two-way route along existing rail corridors falls squarely in line with provincial platforms to electrify and expand service out of Union.

Olivia Chow's campaign argued that Tory's proposal "is not a relief line" at all. Chow herself did not offer criticism of the substance of the plan, but she accused Tory of "flip-flops" and "indecisiveness."

Tory said from the beginning of his campaign that the "Yonge Street subway relief line" was his top policy priority, and he had attacked Chow for being insufficiently committed to that project. In his announcement on Tuesday, he called it "the wrong line at the wrong time."

Stintz criticized Tory's proposed funding method.

"He talks about a funding method that isn't actually feasible," she said. "It's not a reliable source of income because what you're doing is you're banking on development occurring on those lines. And $2 billion of development occurring in seven years is not realistic. We haven't seen it even in the downtown core."

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METRO BREAKS DOWN THE TORY PLAN ON PAGE 4

Breaking down John Tory's SmartTrack transit plan

Electrified rail. Line has many similarities to provincial Liberals' transit proposals

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John Tory's $8-billion "SmartTrack" line announced Tuesday has a lot in common with plans proposed by the provincial Liberals and the work of a citizen's transportation advocacy group.

Almost the entire length of the rail in Tory's SmartTrack plan — stretching from St. Dennis to Union to Scarborough to Unionville on the map released by the campaign — is on the current Kitchener, Lakeshore and Stouffville GO lines.

Tory's plan calls for electrifying the rail lines to allow for a 15-minute or better frequency, which is what the Liberal government announced it was intending to do before it was defeated and forced to call a provincial election.

Tim Hudak's Progressive Conservatives oppose electrification. Asked if that would be a problem for his plan if a PC government is elected, Tory said his plan makes too much sense for them to oppose it.

Electrifying the GO lines was studied by Metrolinx in 2010 and was in a report released last year by citizens' group Transport Action Ontario. The Liberals then vowed to electrify the entire GO network.

Transport Action Ontario's plan was large in scope and would have electrified 450 kilometres of rail, reaching far out of the city into the 905. The detailed proposal called for the use of "surface subways" on electrified existing GO Transit regional routes, with the addition of new stops — just like Tory's plan does now.

"We're just happy that at least one of the mayoral candidates — one of the major mayoral candidates — has come out in favour of supporting electrification of the GO line," said Transit Action Ontario spokesperson Bruce Budd.

John Tory rides the escalator en route to making his big transit announcement before the Canadian Club of Toronto luncheon at the Convention Centre on Tuesday. DAVID COOPER/TOR STAR NEWS SERVICE

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"We're just happy that at least one of the mayoral candidates — one of the major mayoral candidates — has come out in favour of supporting electrification of the GO line."
Transit Action Ontario spokesperson Bruce Budd

A spokesperson for Tory's campaign said they consulted with a very wide range of groups and experts, including Transit Action Ontario, and welcomed their support.

Tory's SmartTrack plan "is really identical to parts of the Liberal plan and parts of our plan," Budd said.

The new part of Tory's plan is the addition of the a rail line between the Airport Corporate Centre and Mt. Dennis, a station Metrolinx is already planning to build, that will connect to the Eglinton Crosstown LRT and the Kitchener GO line, which goes to Union Station.

Tory's plan calls for building new electrified rail line along the Richview Expressway right-of-way, a vacant stretch of land the city owns that was once reserved for an expressway project that was cancelled.

South of Bloor, Tory's plan calls for adding a stop on the Kitchener line at Liberty Village, which Coun. Mike Layton has lobbied Metrolinx for, along with an integrated payment system that will mean GO users don't have to pay twice if they transfer to the TTC.

Metrolinx has written to Layton, expressing interest in both ideas. Tory is now proposing the same.

Transportation Action Ontario had proposed a similar idea, but instead of stops at Liberty Village and Spadina, it proposed a Fort York stop.

Moving west from Union Station, Tory plans to add a stop at the Unilever site to serve a proposed business hub development. Transport Action Ontario had suggested a stop in the distillery district. Tory's plan calls for stops at Queen and Gerrard, while Transport Action Ontario had suggested just a stop at Gerrard.

The stretch of the SmartTrack line between Kennedy and Unionville was in both the Liberals' and the Transport Action Ontario plans, said Budd.

In the east, Tory plans to keep the current plans for the Scarborough Subway, but Transport Action Ontario opposes that. "It will take 10 years to build and it doesn't serve as many people as the LRT," said Budd.

Transport Action Ontario had proposed using the LRT's right-of-way to run a branch of the GO line.

This diagram, provided by John Tory's campaign, shows his proposed "SmartTrack" line in green, alongside the TTC subway lines and the Eglinton Crosstown LRT. CONTRIBUTED

'A nice plan'

On the issue of funding, John Tory has said the city's entire one-third share of the project can be paid for with Tax Increment Financing, and a property tax increase won't be necessary

- Transit Action Ontario spokesperson Bruce Budd said his organization supports funding the new construction with Tax Increment Financing, as Tory has suggested.
- "It's a nice plan," he said. "But I don't know it's going to come up with as much money as they're talking about."

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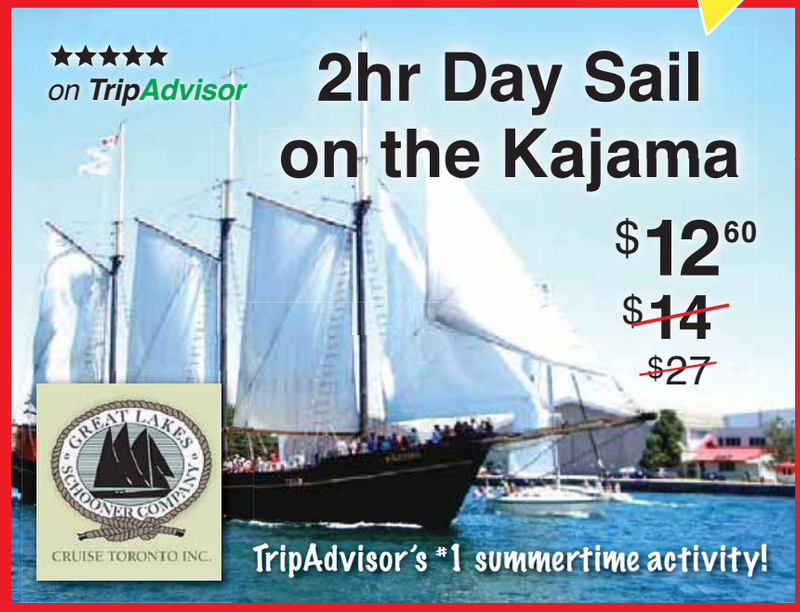

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Construction on Gardiner 'killing' cab business, union president says

'Chaos.' The expensive drive to Pearson airport is forcing some to choose other modes of transport

Sajid Mughal, president of the taxi driver's union is upset about the Gardiner construction and says drivers are losing money. RANDY RISLING/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Sitting in gridlock on the Gardiner Expressway may be a headache for commuters, but the construction is more than an inconvenience for some companies.

"Gardiner construction is killing the cab business," said Sajid Mughal, president of iTaxiworkers, a union for Toronto taxi drivers.

Various portions of the contentious highway are closed for repairs for the next two years while workers demolish a bridge, replace surfaces and do structural rehabilitation. The construction has created chaotic congestion that makes for very expensive rides.

A drive from downtown to Pearson International Airport usually takes about 35 minutes in rush hour traffic, but that ride currently takes about 55 minutes — and costs around $70, Mughal said. The expense is pushing people to choose other modes of transportation to get to the airport, such as shuttle buses or flat-rate limos.

"It's not fair to the cab drivers, because cab drivers lose so much time, and it's not fair to the customer, the general public, paying so much money," Mughal said. The construction has created traffic snarls on other roadways, too, as drivers take alternate routes to avoid congestion on the Gardiner.

Other businesses have faced the increased congestion along the Gardiner, too, although some don't think the situation is as dire as it is for Mughal and his colleagues.

"We have heard anecdotally from drivers that, in general, their transit times are longer, but there are no measurable impacts on our business at this time," Andrew Judge, manager of logistics and customer service for Redpath Sugar, said in an email.

The Gardiner Expressway construction is causing serious problems for some businesses located near the roadway, however. Clogged lanes have made it difficult for people to get to The Boulevard Club, located just off the Gardiner, between Parkside and Jameson.

Not only is the Gardiner a mess, but nearby roads such as Lake Shore have been absorbing extra vehicles, adding to gridlock in the area.

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"Downtown is chaos for the cab business. We are not getting any business downtown, especially in rush hour, because it costs too much money."

Sajid Mughal, president of iTaxiworkers

Provincial election

Hudak: 2003 deficit is Liberal 'propaganda'

Tim Hudak CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The whopping deficit left behind by the last Progressive Conservative government is nothing more than Liberal propaganda, Tory Leader Tim Hudak said Tuesday.

Hudak was a cabinet minister when voters booted the self-styled deficit-busting Tories from office in 2003 and replaced them with the Liberals, who discovered the fiscal shortfall of $5.6 billion.

"That was a manufacture of the Liberals," Hudak said during a campaign stop east of Toronto.

In fact, an independent auditor confirmed the Conservative government under then-premier Ernie Eves had left the province with the $5.6-billion deficit.

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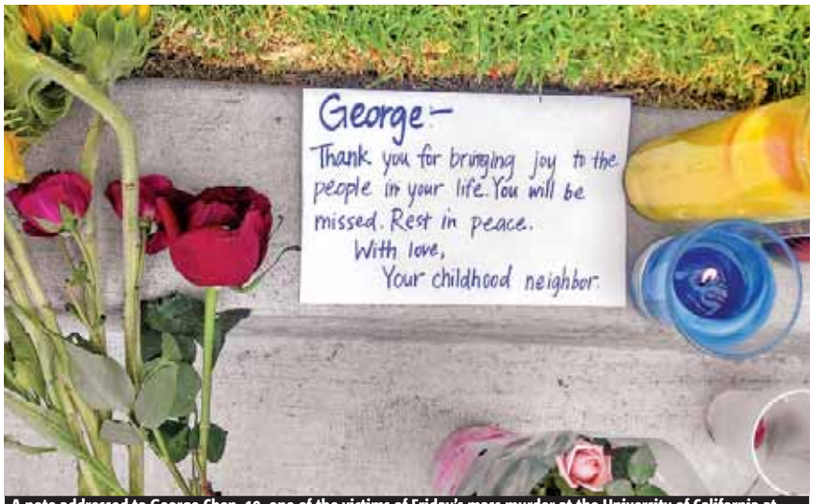
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A note addressed to George Chen, 19, one of the victims of Friday's mass murder at the University of California at Santa Barbara. CHRISTOPHER WEBER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ottawa man among victims of massacre at California school

Speaking through tears. George Chen's parents told a U.S. news station the country needs tougher gun laws

A 19-year-old man from Ottawa has been identified as one of the victims of Friday's mass murder at the University of California at Santa Barbara.

George Chen, who was studying computer science, was a graduate from Leland High School in San Jose, Calif., and one of six people killed.

Family friend Sherry Shih told the San Francisco Chronicle that Chen was a gentle soul who had a fondness for working with children.

Shih said Chen was a "very good kid, very smart," and that his parents are in a "very, very sad mood" and unable to speak about what happened.

Chen's parents visited a makeshift memorial on Monday night and added their names in chalk to the sidewalk.

They told KABC-TV that the United States needs tougher gun laws to avert another mass killing.

"We would die a hundred times, a thousand times, but we don't want our kids to get hurt," George Chen's mother, Kelly Wang, said as she spoke through tears.

"This shouldn't happen to any family."

The man identified as the killer, Elliot Rodger, died of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head after a shootout with police.

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"We would die a hundred times, a thousand times, but we don't want our kids to get hurt."

George Chen's mother, Kelly Wang

Lacandon jungle

Environmentalists freed in Mexico

Two Mexican environmentalists have been freed after they were briefly kidnapped by settlers seeking to carve up North America's last large pocket of tropical rain forest, their group said Tuesday.

The kidnapping follows the two-day abduction and subsequent release of a former federal environment secretary in a different part of the jungle a month ago.

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Colombia

Chocolate addict gets jail time

A self-declared chocolate addict has been sentenced to five months in one of Colombia's harshest prisons for swiping $8 worth of candy bars.

Luis Augusto Mora was caught stealing two boxes of locally made Jumbo bars at a Bogota supermarket. After confessing, Mora was sentenced to La Picota prison, home to some of the country's most hardened criminals and drug-traffickers.

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Jamil Mahuad

Arrest warrant issued for former Ecuador president

Ecuadorean authorities say an arrest warrant has been issued for former president Jamil Mahuad for allegedly misappropriating public funds during the country's late 1990s banking crisis.

Interior Minister Jose Serrano announced Tuesday via Twitter that the international police agency Interpol had issued an alert about the warrant.

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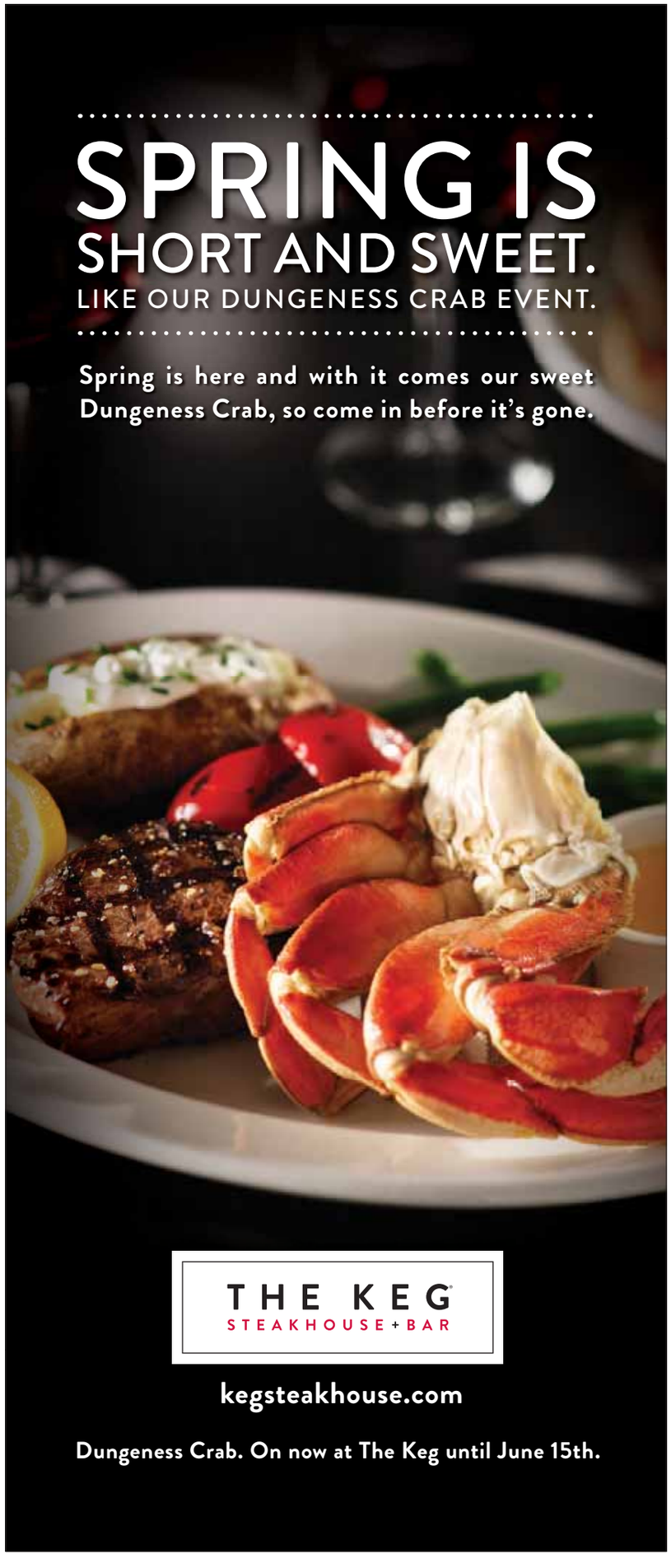
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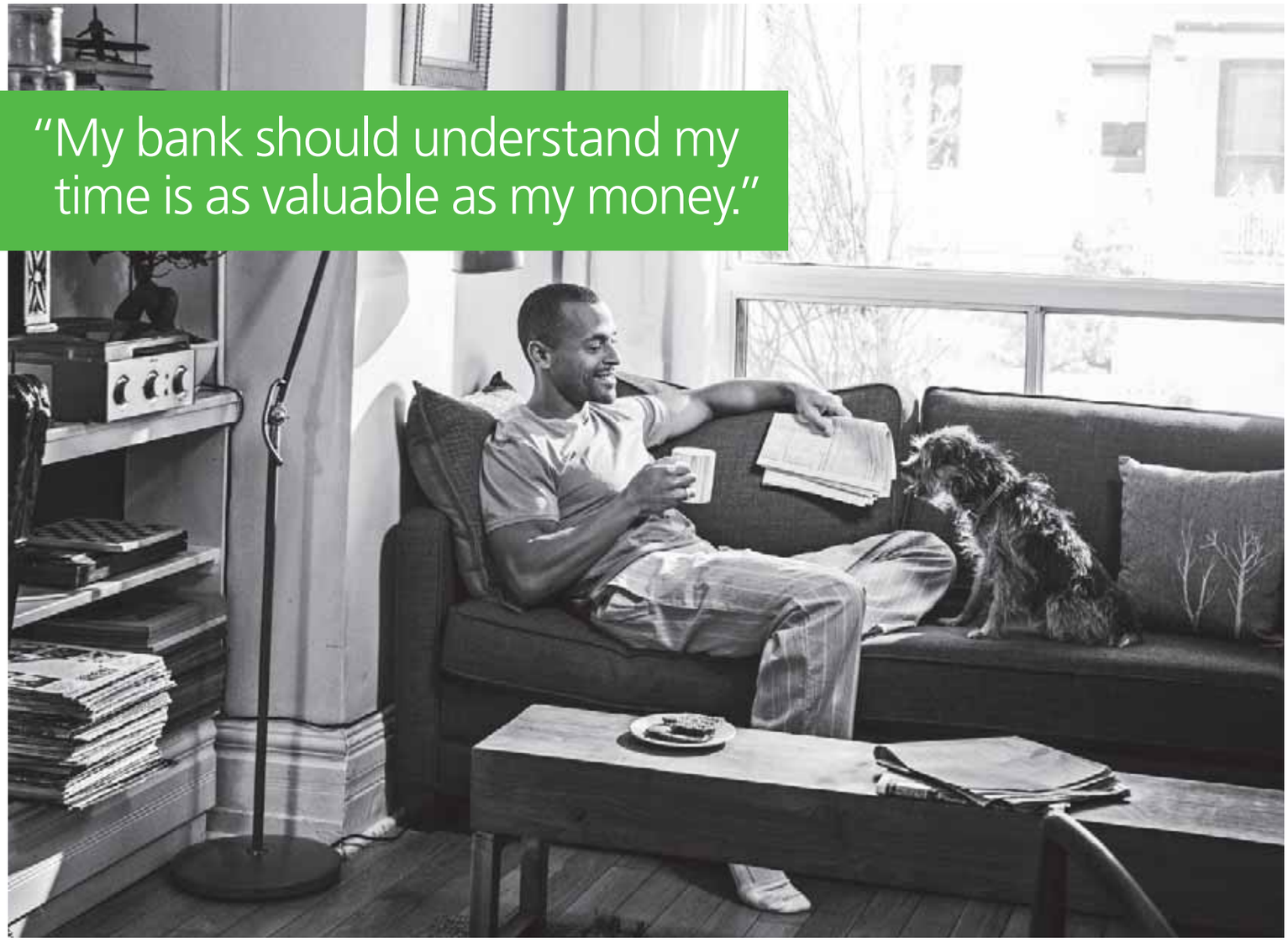

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‘Every share made the difference’

Trois-Rivières, Que. Parents grateful after spread of Amber Alert on social media leads online sleuths to help locate missing baby

The mother of a day-old infant snatched from a Quebec hospital says she’s grateful to everyone who helped bring home her baby — especially the group of people who used social media to hunt down the alleged kidnapper.

Police issued an Amber Alert on Monday night after the newborn was abducted from the mother’s hospital room in Trois-Rivières by a woman allegedly wearing scrubs and posing as a nurse.

The alert, which included a security-camera photo of the suspect and a description of her car, was splashed across mainstream and social media within minutes.

Four young locals wasted little time picking up the cause and guided police to the woman’s home, where officers found the baby safe three hours later. Police also arrested a woman in her early 20s in connection with the kidnapping.

“Every click, every share made the difference,” Melissa McMahon, the infant’s mother, wrote Tuesday in a post on her Facebook page.

“Four marvellous people, whom we had the chance to meet, identified this woman thanks to Facebook … We felt a huge amount of support from the public. This victory is for you, too!!!”

The online detectives who helped find baby Victoria were identified as Charlene Plante, Marc-Andre Cote, Sharelle Bergeron and Melizanne Bergeron.

Melizanne Bergeron told reporters Tuesday in Trois-Rivières that she came across the information about the kidnapping on Facebook and showed the photo of the suspect to her friend Plante, who realized the woman was her neighbour.

She said they spotted the vehicle described in the alert parked outside the building, saw signs that someone was inside and called police. Officers, she added, arrived on the scene quickly and broke down the woman’s door.

“Thirty seconds after, the baby was in the hands of the police,” said Melizanne Bergeron, who touched Victoria as the officer cradling her walked past. “It was the best moment in my life. We were crying.”

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“I don’t realize it (yet), I’m just a person like (anybody else) and I saved a life.”

Charlene Plante, one of the four online sleuths who helped find baby Victoria

Melissa McMahon and Simon Boisclair hold their daughter Victoria in this photo posted on Boisclair’s Facebook page. McMahon used Facebook to thank everyone who helped bring home her baby, who was snatched from a Quebec hospital, especially the people who used social media to track down the alleged kidnapper. FACEBOOK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Twister tears through N.D. oilfield workers’ camp

A man walks past trailers on Tuesday in Watford City, N.D., that were destroyed by a tornado. Authorities say several people were injured and over a dozen trailers were damaged or destroyed Monday evening when the twister tore through a camp where oilfield workers stay. JOSH WOOD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

‘Hypersexualization’

Ministers unveil effort to educate girls about harm of sexual images

A public education campaign on cybersafety for girls that began four years ago in Atlantic Canada has added a section to educate girls about images depicting women as sexual objects.

The Atlantic ministers responsible for the status of women met in Charlottetown Tuesday to announce a new addition to a website set up to promote online safety for girls, which now includes information about the effects that the depiction of women and girls as sexual objects can have on self-esteem, self-confidence and self-image.

Valerie Docherty, the minister responsible for the status of women in Prince Edward Island, says “hypersexualization” can be an uncomfortable topic but it’s important to have the conversation.

Docherty was joined by her Atlantic colleagues, Marie-Claude Blais from New Brunswick, Joan Shea from Newfoundland and Labrador and Joanne Bernard from Nova Scotia.

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Top commander disturbed by sex assault claims

Commons defence committee. Military brass grilled after magazine story says harassment at epidemic levels

The country's top military commander has been called on the parliamentary carpet to answer questions about reports of sexual violence in the military.

Gen. Tom Lawson, the chief of defence staff, was grilled Tuesday by the Commons defence committee about a recent magazine report that claimed sex assaults within the ranks are at an epidemic level.

The story, published by Maclean's and L'actualité magazines, interviewed several victims and examined a decade's worth of statistics documenting reported attacks.

Lawson told the committee he found the allegations disturbing, and acknowledged the courage of those victims who spoke out.

An internal review carried out since the claims were first reported last month has identified "some barriers" that prevent alleged victims from coming forward, he testified.

Lawson said an independent review from outside the military is being organized, one that will have the authority to interview military members and could potentially uncover fresh allegations of assault.

But he said he does not accept the notion that sexual violence and harassment are part of military culture, citing a recent internal survey that suggested harassment of all kinds has been declining steadily over the last decade.

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The exposé

The magazine story said military police get as many as 200 complaints of sexual assault each year, with many more cases going unreported by victims who fear the potential consequences from within the military hierarchy.

Dozens killed in Donetsk

People carry sandbags to set up a shooting position as a pro-Russian gunman watches on the road leading from the airport to Donetsk, Ukraine, Tuesday. The city was in turmoil Tuesday, a day after government forces used fighter jets to stop insurgents from taking over the airport. Donetsk's mayor said 40 people were killed in Monday's fighting, while rebel leaders said the death toll could be as many as 100. VADIM GHIRDA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Youths arrested for video

Iranians should be free to be Happy: Pharrell

Pharrell Williams

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Pharrell Williams says everyone should be able to celebrate their joy — including Iranian youths who were arrested for posting an Internet video of them dancing to his song Happy.

Some in Iran see the video as promoting the spread of Western culture. Iranian laws ban women from dancing in public or appearing outside with heads uncovered.

Williams says he has "the utmost respect for people's religious views" and doesn't know much about Iranian law.

But he added: "The present is a gift, and if you just want to celebrate your happiness, you should be allowed to do that."

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Retired cop opens Winnipeg's first marijuana café

'Peaceful place.'
Vapes on Main offers space for medicinal pot users to medicate

SHANE GIBSON
Metro in Winnipeg

A former Winnipeg police officer who's advocated the legalization of drugs since hanging up the badge has opened that city's first marijuana café.

Bill Vandergraaf told Metro he wants to give medicinal marijuana users like himself a "peaceful place" to meet, smoke and exchange ideas.

"It has great medicinal value for all kinds of ailments, and it's time to stop criminalizing people," explained the 29-year veteran of the Winnipeg Police Service, who opened Vapes on Main two weeks ago.

Bill Vandergraaf.
SHANE GIBSON/METRO IN WINNIPEG

"It's time to make our streets safer by ending prohibition of marijuana."

Vandergraaf retired from policing in 2001 and said he's been using medical marijuana since 2007 to combat the depression, anxiety and alcoholism he picked up during the job.

Vapes on Main does not allow other drugs or alcohol on site, nor does it sell marijuana or drug paraphernalia.

Only those over 18 with a prescription are allowed to smoke inside, but the doors are also open for anyone looking for information about medical marijuana or those who want to debate the war on drugs with a man who's been on both sides.

"We would like to educate people as well," said Vandergraaf, who is not worried about getting shut down by his former employer. "Police are welcome to come in too."

Young achievers humble U.S. president

U.S. President Barack Obama checks out projects by young inventors displayed at the 2014 White House Science Fair in Washington on Tuesday. Peyton Robertson, a 12-year-old from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., wowed Obama with two inventions: "sandless" flood retention sandbags and retractable bicycle wheels. Obama, a Harvard-trained lawyer, confessed to feeling like "such an underachiever" as he celebrated student winners of a broad range of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) competitions from across the country. They included Eric Chen, a high school senior who identified new drug candidates for the treatment of influenza, the creator of a catapult-armed mannequin who shot three-point baskets, an 18-year-old cancer researcher and the second-grade Girl Scouts who designed a Lego "flood-proof" bridge. SUSAN WALSH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Apology. MP sorry for 'bozo eruption' comment

A Liberal MP has apologized to Justin Trudeau for questioning the leader's decision to veto would-be candidates who don't support a woman's right to choose abortion.

John McKay's apology follows the release of a secretly recorded conversation in which the Toronto MP says he initially thought the Liberal leader's dictum on abortion was "a bozo eruption" — something blurted out without thinking.

On the recording, McKay suggests that anyone who doesn't realize the issue is "toxic" has "no political sense whatsoever."

Trudeau says he understands McKay, a staunch opponent of abortion, feels strongly on the issue and spoke unguardedly. He says McKay has apologized and Trudeau now considers the matter closed. THE CANADIAN PRESS

John McKay CONTRIBUTED

Bank robber

Mummy Bandit more aggressive

Toronto police are warning about a bank robber they've dubbed the Mummy Bandit — saying he's becoming more aggressive.

He's wanted for nine bank robberies since October, including two over the last two months.

Police are calling him the Mummy Bandit because he wore make-up or a mask during most of the robberies. But in the latest surveillance pictures, he's waving a handgun and not covering his face.

He's described as white and 20 to 30 years old.

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Poll: Trudeau takes hit over pro-choice stance

Federal Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau's approval as leader has dropped three per cent, a poll shows. JACQUES BOISSINOT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Survey. Approval rating, party's support dip three per cent

Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau's restrictions on candidates with pro-life views appears to have peeled off some of his support among the public, a new Forum Research poll has found.

In a random sampling among 1,692 Canadian voters, more than one-third (36 per cent) indicated they would vote Liberal if the federal election were held today. That's a decrease in the Liberal vote from Forum's April 30 poll, which had the Liberals at 39 per cent.

The New Democrats seem to be the beneficiaries of the drop in Liberal fortunes. The NDP saw a jump from 20 per cent last month to 23 per cent. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Stephen Harper's Conservatives remained at 30 per cent.

Trudeau's personal approval rating dropped from 46 per cent last month to 43 per cent now.

"It appears Justin Trudeau's restrictions on Liberal candidates with pro-life views has peeled off a small but important tranche of support for not only him, but, incrementally, his party. I'm not sure that there is a corresponding upside, in that those who support pro-choice views are already in his court," said Forum Research President Lorne Bozinoff.

In a bid to stake out the Liberals as the party of choice in the abortion debate, Trudeau declared members were not free to choose how to vote on the issue: all MPs must commit to voting pro-choice.

Trudeau did say exceptions will be made for incumbent Liberals who oppose abortion and who became MPs before the party officially adopted a pro-choice stance.

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Mohammad Iqbal, 45, sits in an ambulance next to the body of his pregnant wife, Farzana Parveen, 25, who was stoned to death by her own family in Lahore, Pakistan, on Tuesday. K.M. CHAUDARY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pregnant woman stoned to death

'Honour killing.' 20 members of woman's family attack couple outside court in Lahore

A pregnant woman was stoned to death by her own family in front of a Pakistani high court on Tuesday for marrying the man she loved.

Nearly 20 members of the woman's family, including her father and brothers, attacked her and her husband with batons and bricks in broad daylight before a crowd of onlookers outside the high court of Lahore, police investigator Rana Mujahid said.

Hundreds of women are murdered every year in Muslim-majority Pakistan in so-called "honour killings" carried out by husbands or relatives as a punishment for alleged adultery or other illicit sexual behaviour, but public stoning is extremely rare.

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"We were in love."

Mohammad Iqbal, husband of Farzana Parveen

Mujahid said the woman's father has been arrested for murder and that police were working to apprehend all those who participated in the "heinous crime."

Another officer identified the slain woman as Farzana Parveen, 25, and said she had married Mohammad Iqbal against her family's wishes.

Her father, Mohammad Azeem, had filed an abduction case against Iqbal, which the couple was contesting, her lawyer Mustafa Kharal said. He confirmed that she was three months pregnant. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Poachers tracked. Ranger fatally shot in Zambia wildlife preserve

A suspected poacher fatally shot the head of law enforcement at a wildlife park in Zambia after he set out to investigate reports of gunshots in the reserve, said a group that runs African wildlife parks.

Dexter Chilunda is believed to have come across two poachers during his patrol in Liuwa Plain National Park and he was shot in the chest at close range with a shotgun, the non-profit African Parks group said Monday.

Police and park rangers followed tracks leading from the site of the shooting on Friday and were pursuing leads they hoped would bring them to the culprits, said African Parks.

Anthony Hall-Martin, the co-founder of Johannesburg-based African Parks, died May 21 of cancer at the age of 68.

Hall-Martin had helped establish and expand reserves while working for South Africa's national parks service, and later negotiated with dozens of African governments to protect wildlife areas, according to African Parks.

The group said Hall-Martin led the transformation of Malawi's Majete wildlife reserve, which had been depleted by poachers, into an area stocked with more than 2,500 animals. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Obama's plan. 9,800 troops to remain after war ends in Afghanistan

President Barack Obama will seek to keep 9,800 U.S. troops in Afghanistan after the war formally ends later this year and then will withdraw most of those forces by 2016, senior administration officials said Tuesday.

Obama's decision is largely in line with what military commanders have been seeking and will allow the president to fully end the American-led military effort by the time he leaves office.

The two-year plan is contingent on the Afghan government signing a bilateral security agreement with the U.S. While current Afghan President Hamid Karzai has declined to sign the agreement, U.S. officials are confident that either of the candidates seeking to replace him would approve it.

The plan calls for the U.S. military to draw down from its current force of 32,000 to 9,800 by the start of next year. Those troops would be dispatched throughout Afghanistan and focus on counterterrorism missions and training Afghan security forces.
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Bosnia

Flood reveals human remains

Last week's record flooding in Bosnia has uncovered human remains experts believe belong to people who went missing during the country's 1992-95 war.

Lejla Cengic of Bosnia's Institute for Missing Persons said Tuesday that teams fixing power lines discovered the remains near the northern town of Doboj. Nearly 30,000 people went missing during the Yugoslav wars of the 1990s. One third of them have been found in mass graves, mostly in Bosnia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New York City

Cops to carry heroin antidote

Thousands of New York City police officers will soon be carrying emergency antidotes to help deal with the recent spike in heroin overdoses.

The state is providing the New York Police Department with $1.17 million US from civil and criminal forfeiture cases to pay for 19,500 kits intended to equip patrol officers. Kits contain two syringes and two inhalers of naloxone and instructions. They cost about $60 US each with a two-year shelf life.
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A rite of spring to bring business prosperity

Shinto priests in ritual clothing perform a ceremonial rite for an annual festival at the Hanazono Shinto Shrine in Tokyo on Saturday. The shrine is famous for business fortune and good health.

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Dream of owning a home? Keep dreaming

RBC study. Home ownership is seeming more like fantasy as reality of high prices and interest rates hit home

It's becoming increasingly difficult for families to own a home in Canada and affordability is only expected to get worse going forward, according to the Royal Bank of Canada.

With housing prices continuing to rise, RBC said its affordability index deteriorated in the first quarter of this year — the third quarter that has happened out of the last four — with the deterioration particularly acute in the hot markets of Toronto, Calgary and Vancouver.

And RBC chief economist Craig Wright says keeping up with the cost of home ownership in the future is likely going to be an even bigger stretch for households.

"If prices continue to accelerate in key Canadian markets in the near term, affordability could come under pressure," the report points out.

"The eventual normalization of monetary policy will lead to substantial increases in interest rates over the medium term, which could be too much for other affordability determinants to counteract," it adds.

The affordability index measures the percentage of pre-tax household income that is needed to service the cost of owning a home at current market prices, including payments for a mortgage, utilities and property taxes. A reading of 50 per cent means service costs swallow up half of a household's pre-tax income.

Nationally, the index rose by 0.1 points to 43.2 per cent for detached bungalows and 0.3 points to 49.0 per cent for two-storey homes, while the measure for condos dipped 0.1 points to 27.9 per cent.

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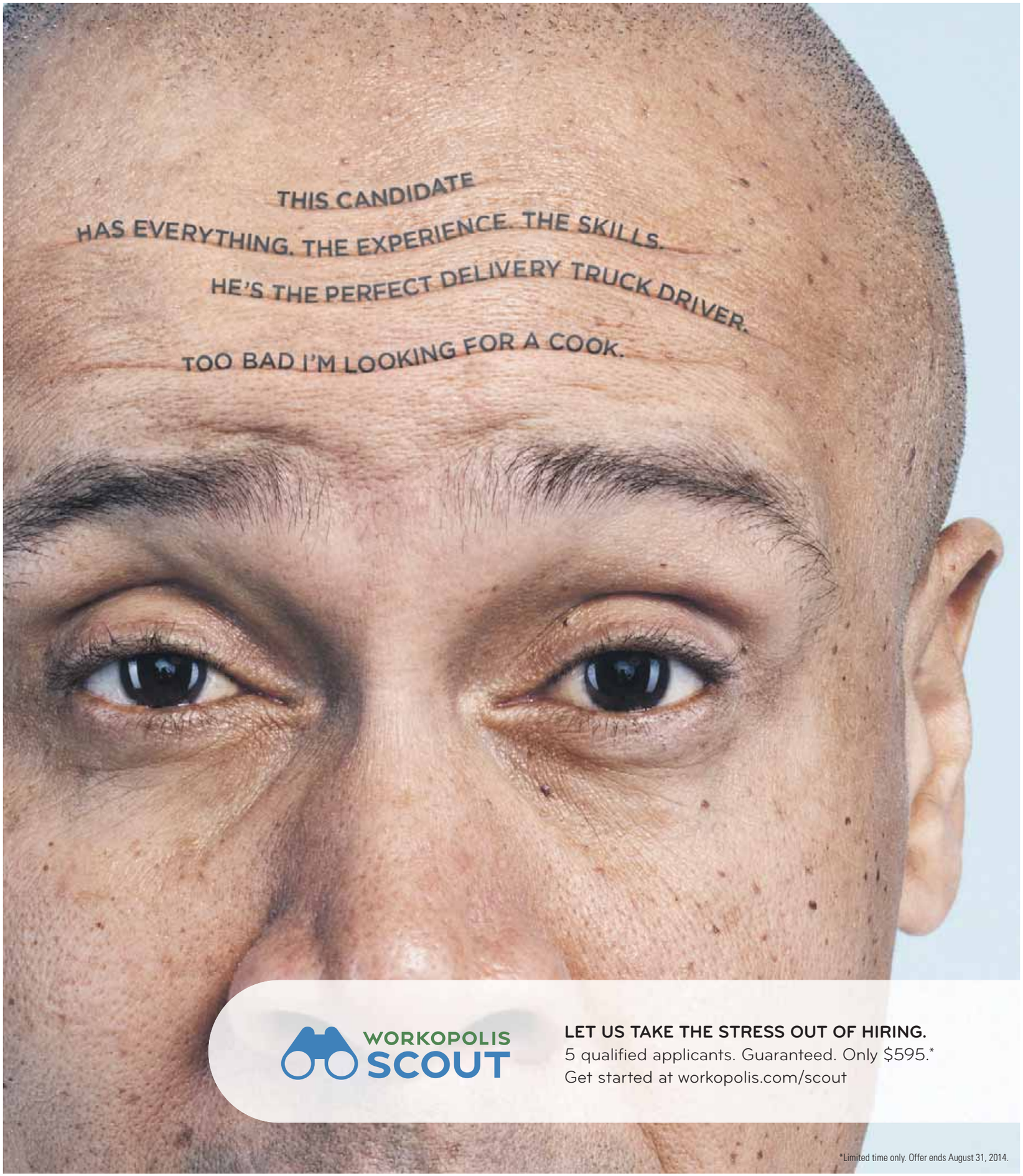
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Never mind butcher, baker or candlestick maker.

The people who float your workplace boat these days are takers, matchers and givers, according to a rising star in workaday psychology, Adam Grant, the youngest full professor at the Wharton School.

This guy is only 32, but he's already figured out how to navigate the concrete jungle and has written a New York Times bestseller about it, called, naturally, Give and Take. He's also the subject of a recent article in Slate.

Even though Grant has the fast-track record we usually associate with a taker — those Gordon-Gecko-greed-is-good types so familiar in the mythology of corporate America — he tries to be a giver, not just because his research shows that nice guys (and girls) can finish first.

Givers are defined by the fact that they will take care of other people with no expectation of reward. They do it precisely because they are selfless. So you can't game the give.

Most of us are matchers in the middle — I'll scratch your back with the understanding that you, at some point very soon, will scratch mine. Other people respect the matcher ethos, but no one actually loves a matcher, unless it's the matcher's mother, who is, by nature, a giver.

All the love is reserved for givers. Givers sow the seeds of harmony wherever they go. People want to work with them because they trust them ... and know they'll share the glory and take the blame.

Do you know anybody like that? If you do, you probably follow them around with big puppy eyes.

Takers are toxic. Grant says it's a good idea to keep a wooden stake, silver bullet and string of garlic handy to ward them off. Well, he doesn't put it in precisely those terms, but he does say that the negative impact of a taker can be three times that of the positive impact of a giver.

They suck the lifeblood out of an organization.

There is an easy way to spot a taker and it's not only because he or she doesn't drink ... wine. "The main sign that someone's a taker is kissing up and kicking down," he writes.

Just because you're a giver doesn't mean you put a Kick Me sign on your back before you go to work in the morning. Winning givers don't allow themselves to be kicked or stepped on; they don't overdo the giving to the detriment of their own work, and they give on a smartly scheduled basis as opposed to on impulse or whim.

Whatever you think (stop rolling your eyes), I think it's good to have permission to be a nice person. It's ironic to discover that while we've spent our lives learning to eat other dogs, happiness is a warm puppy.

And if you're a little bit good at being good, the rewards will come in your lifetime. Good dog!

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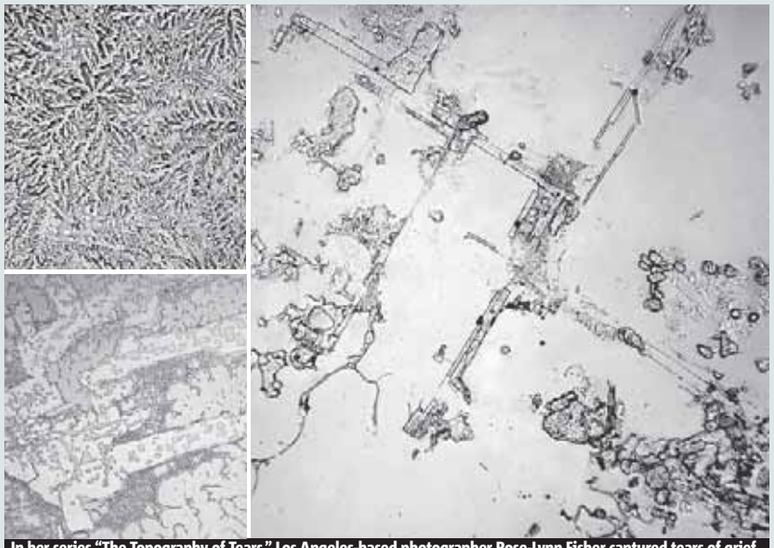
Art that's worth crying over



In her series "The Topography of Tears," Los Angeles-based photographer Rose-Lynn Fisher captured tears of grief, pictured right, tears of remembrance, bottom left, and tears from an onion, top left. COURTESY ROSE-LYNN FISHER

Q&A

'Aerial view of my emotions'

ROSE-LYNN FISHER
Artist-photographer based in Los Angeles

What inspired you to turn human tears into art?
One day I was crying but stopped and wondered if my tears of grief would look any different from tears of happiness. When I magnified them on a microscope, what I saw evoked a sense of place, like an aerial view of my emotional terrain. I was so intrigued by this that I started a project, which now comprises 100 of my own and others' tears.

How did you go about photographing the tears?
I collect a tear, put it onto a glass slide and view it through a standard microscope, magnified 10 to 40 times. After the tear sample has been either air-dried or covered, I photograph it using a digital microscopy camera.

They do look like strange landscapes.
Exactly. I marvel at the visual similarities between the microscopic world and the macro world of landscapes. Patterns of erosion etched into the earth over millions of years can look like the branched crystalline patterns of an evaporated tear that formed in less than a minute.

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Worth mentioning. USDA projects to help protect soil, water quality

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is teaming with businesses, non-profits and others on a five-year, $2.4-billion program that will fund locally designed soil and water conservation projects nationwide, Secretary Tom Vilsack said Tuesday.

Authorized by the new farm law enacted earlier this year, the Regional Conservation Partnership Program is intended to involve the private sector more directly in planning and funding environmental protection initiatives tied to agriculture.

He described the projects to be funded as "clean water startup operations" that will benefit communities and watersheds, a departure from the department's more traditional approach of focusing on individual operators adopting practices such as no-till cultivation or planting buffer strips to prevent runoff into streams.

Quoted

"It's a new approach to conservation that is really going to encourage people to think in very innovative and creative ways."
Secretary Tom Vilsack

Universities, local and tribal governments, companies and sporting groups are among those eligible to devise plans and seek grants.

"By establishing new public-private partnerships, we can have an impact that's well beyond what the federal government could accomplish on its own," Vilsack said. "These efforts keep our land resilient and water clean, and promote tremendous economic growth in agriculture, construction, tourism and outdoor recreation and other industries."

In addition to protecting the environment, the projects will bolster the rural economy by supporting tourism and outdoor recreation jobs while avoiding pollution that would cost more to clean up, he said.

The USDA will spend $1.2 billion — including $400 million the first year — and raise an equal amount from participants. Successful applications will include offers of cash, labour or other contributions, as well as plans for achieving measurable solutions and using new approaches, said Jason Weller, chief of the Natural Resources Conservation Service. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Disney has its wicked ways

Bold child's play

Angelina Jolie all in as villain

Angelina Jolie taking on the title role in Maleficent, telling the story of Sleeping Beauty from the villain's perspective, might have seemed like a no-brainer, but Jolie herself had her doubts. "I was a bit nervous to take her on. I don't have a big theatre voice. I don't do things that are kind of comedic. This is such a crazy idea. I'm a fairy? 'How was your day, honey?' 'I was a fairy,'" Jolie remembers telling husband Brad Pitt. "I was so challenged by it. For me as an actress to do something where I'm not taking myself so seriously or doing it for myself or doing it for art — just to remember what it is to play and entertain and try something bold."

But once she had the horns and the headdress and the augmented cheekbones and nose in place, she just went with it. "There's no halfway. If you're going to do it, you can't just kind of do it. You have to go fully into it and enjoy it," she says. "The original was done so well and her voice was so great. The way she was animated was so perfect. If anything, I was worried I'd fail the original. I practised a lot with my children. When I got them laughing, I figured I was on to something — well, they laughed, they cried."

Speaking of making kids laugh and cry, Jolie isn't concerned some parents might find the darker elements of Maleficent a bit tough for kids to take. "I think what children can handle and what they're interested in is much deeper than what people assume," she says. "I think it's why sometimes we make things too simple for them. A film like this, people ask, 'Is it too dark for children?' It's not. They want to understand things that frighten them. They want to see dark things that happen and how to rise above them. They don't want to be hidden from all things, everything sweetened." **NED EHRBAR/ MWN IN HOLLYWOOD**

Angelina Jolie as Maleficent with her daughter Vivienne, portraying Young Aurora, in a scene from Maleficent. FRANK CONNOR/DISNEY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

It's not all Mouse ears. Disney horns in on the dark side of fairy tales from the winged demon of Fantasia to Maleficent

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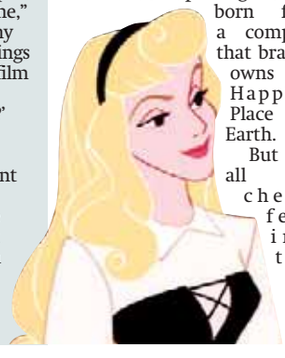
Hear the name Disney, and your first thoughts are likely about Mickey Mouse ears, Mary Poppins or the song Let it Go. Uplifting notions born from a company that brags it owns the Happiest Place on Earth.



But for all the cheery feelings the Mouse House has given us over the years, Disney villains have also inspired a nightmare or two.

This weekend, Maleficent creeps into theatres. Starring Angelina Jolie, it is the story of how the Sleeping Beauty villainess became evil after being betrayed by a child. With plumped up cheekbones and headgear with demonic horns, Jolie looks like something from a hellish Hieronymus Bosch painting.

"She isn't the pretty princess," says the actress. "She isn't a beautiful queen. She's a very awkward, pointy, slightly scary-looking horned creature who goes through a lot in her life."

Maleficent joins a long list of dastardly Disney villains to inspire sleepless nights.

Scar

In The Lion King, Scar (voice of Jeremy Irons) is the brother of the king, Mufasa (James Earl Jones). In a Shakespearean twist, Scar murders his brother and banishes his nephew to gain control of Pride Rock.

Most evil line? "Long live the King." — Scar to Mufasa before killing him.

Cruella De Vil

In the 1961 animated film and the 1996 live-action film, 101 Dalmatians, Cruella De Vil (voice of Betty Lou Gerson in the cartoon, Glenn Close in the flesh) is a diabolical fashionista who wants to incorporate puppy pelts into her wardrobe.

Most evil line? "Darling, I live for fur. I worship fur!"

Queen Grimhilde

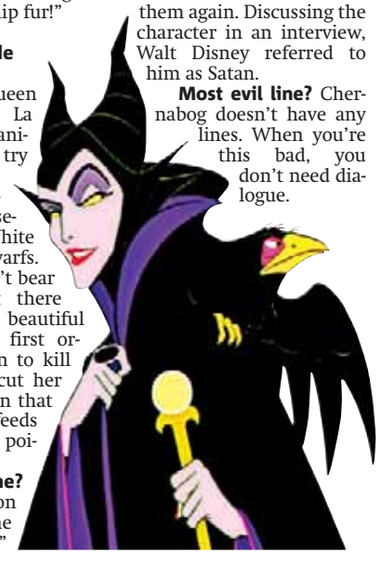
Vanity pushes Queen Grimhilde (Lucille La Verne in the 1937 animated version) to try and destroy the life of her stepdaughter (Adriana Caselotti) in Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. The evil queen can't bear the thought that there is someone more beautiful than she, so she first orders her huntsman to kill Snow White and cut her heart out and when that doesn't work, she feeds the pretty girl a poisoned apple.

Most evil line? "Mirror, Mirror on the wall, who's the fairest of them all?"

Chernabog

Hands down, the scariest vision in any Disney film has to be Chernabog, the winged demon who briefly appears in the Night on Bald Mountain sequence of Fantasia. He is the essence of evil and according to Villians Wiki, his hobby is bringing the dead back to life so he can kill them again. Discussing the character in an interview, Walt Disney referred to him as Satan.

Most evil line? Chernabog doesn't have any lines. When you're this bad, you don't need dialogue.



Come on, how'd you do that?

Winnipeg magician Darcy Oake may have vanished on a British talent show Monday night, but his act has secured him an appearance in the final round. Oake began his performance on Britain's Got Talent sitting on a chair perched on a podium and draped in a sheet. Moments later the sheet was removed and Oake was gone — but he reappeared dressed as a cameraman filming the illusion. The 26-year-old goes on to compete in the final round, which is to air on June 7. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Brown University. Emma Watson escorted by armed undercover guard at grad

Emma Watson had an armed guard with her during graduation ceremonies at Brown University, and a university spokesman says he is unable to answer questions about why.

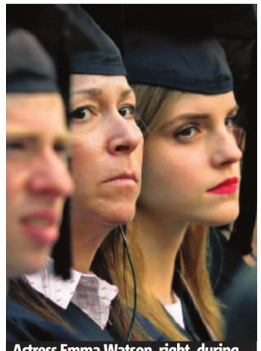
The 24-year-old British actress best known for her role as Hermione Granger in the Harry Potter movies was one of more than 2,000 students to get her degree from the Ivy League university in Providence on Sunday.

She was photographed sitting and walking next to a woman who was wearing a cap and gown. The same woman, who was older than Watson and her fellow graduates, was later seen escorting Watson without a cap and gown and with a holstered weapon, a badge and other equipment.

When asked if the woman was a campus police officer and why the guard was necessary, Brown spokesman Mark Nickel said on Tuesday he was "not able to help."

Watson began her studies at Brown in 2009, the same year she was named the highest-grossing actress of the decade by the Guinness Book of World Records. She earned a degree in English literature.

An email to Watson's representative wasn't immediately returned. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Actress Emma Watson, right, during commencement services at Brown University on Sunday. The woman to her left was later seen wearing a badge and with a handgun visible at her side . THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fantastic Beasts

Alfonso Cuarón not in talks for Potter spinoff

Putting an end to rumours that he might helm Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them, the director behind Gravity announced he does not plan to return to the set in the near future.

"My near-term plans over the coming months are to take my kids to school and plan what I'm going to do this summer with them," Alfonso Cuarón explained to the international newswire EFE.

A decade ago, Cuarón helmed Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban, the third movie in the franchise. It remains to be seen who will be in the director's chair for the first spinoff of the Harry Potter series. AFP

Alfonso Cuarón. AFP

Reality TV

TV producers seek teens who party like rock stars

A television producer is seeking teenagers as young as 13 who like to make their own rules to participate in a new reality television series, My Teen Life.

A Los Angeles-based casting company, Metal Flowers Media, placed a notice about the series in Backstage, a publication widely followed by entertainment professionals for job leads.

The company said producers of The Real Housewives of New York City are looking for boys and girls ages 13 to 18 to cast.

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Macaulay's 'pizza band' too cheesy for British audience

It was a Blues Brothers moment for actor Macaulay Culkin and his band Pizza Underground on Sunday at the Dot to Dot Festival in Nottingham, England, when fans turned on the comedy cover group by booing them and even throwing beer onstage.

Unfortunately, Mac couldn't turn it around with a pizza-themed version of Rawhide to get the crowd going; the Home Alone star and the rest of Pizza Underground allegedly walked off stage smelling like booze after only three songs — but not before they performed a cover of Lou Reed's Perfect Day, calling it Pizza Day.

Culkin's band covers Velvet Underground and Lou Reed songs but changes the lyrics around to be about pizza.

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Manhattan's got a friend in David Schwimmer

MELINDA TAUB
Metro World News in New York City

David Schwimmer fought for justice this week as police were investigating an altercation between a suspected male prostitute, his john, and a third man that broke out at 5:40 a.m. on East Sixth Street in Manhattan's East Village, where the sitcom star owns a brownstone.

The 26-year-old john was taken to Bellevue Hospital with stab wounds on his face, while the 21-year-old alleged prostitute was treated for slashes on his arm. Police had only one man's word against the other's until they realized that security cameras outside Schwimmer's home had caught footage of the altercation, according to the New York Post. Schwimmer gave the NYPD the tape, which might be used in court.

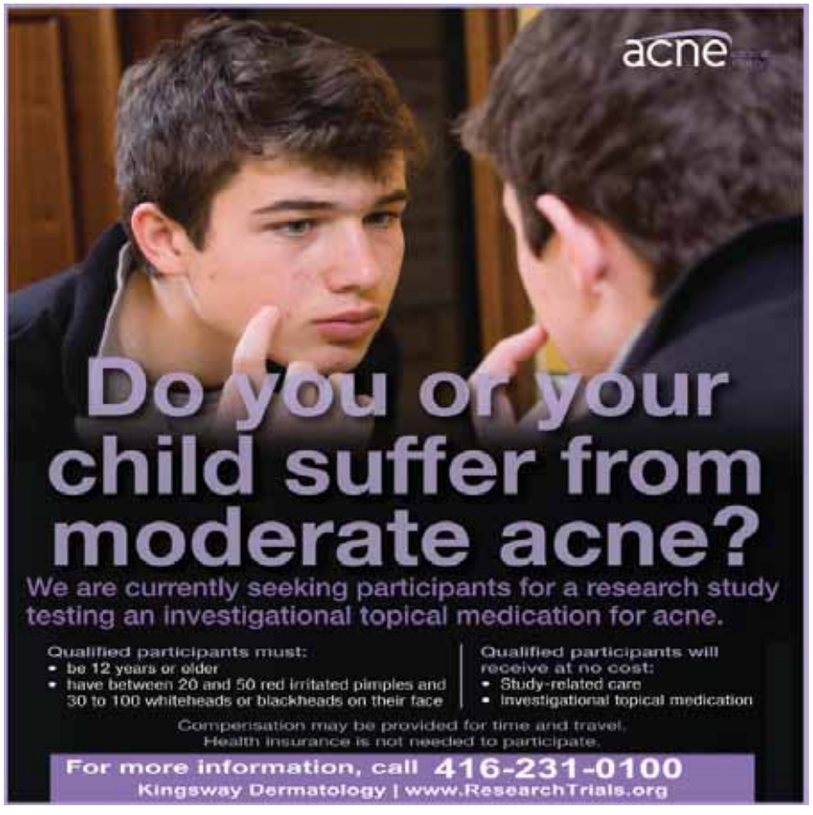
Schwimmer bought his brownstone for $4 million US in 2012.

Harry Styles

Kendall just can't get over Harry Styles

Well, this is awkward. While Harry Styles and Kendall Jenner's brief romance has been over for months, Jenner reportedly "just can't get him out of her head" and hasn't stopped calling the One Direction star "despite their romance fizzing out months ago," according to Star magazine.

"Now Kendall desperately wants him back. She loved the attention dating Harry gave her, plus she really fell for him big time," a source says. "Kendall really opened up to him and he did nothing but use her. That hasn't stopped her from dreaming of a rematch, and after a night out with the girls she'll come home and start calling him. Harry rarely takes her calls because he knows when he's pushed his luck when it comes to a woman's heart and Kendall's got it bad for him. He doesn't want to encourage her, but it's turning into an embarrassing situation — for both of them."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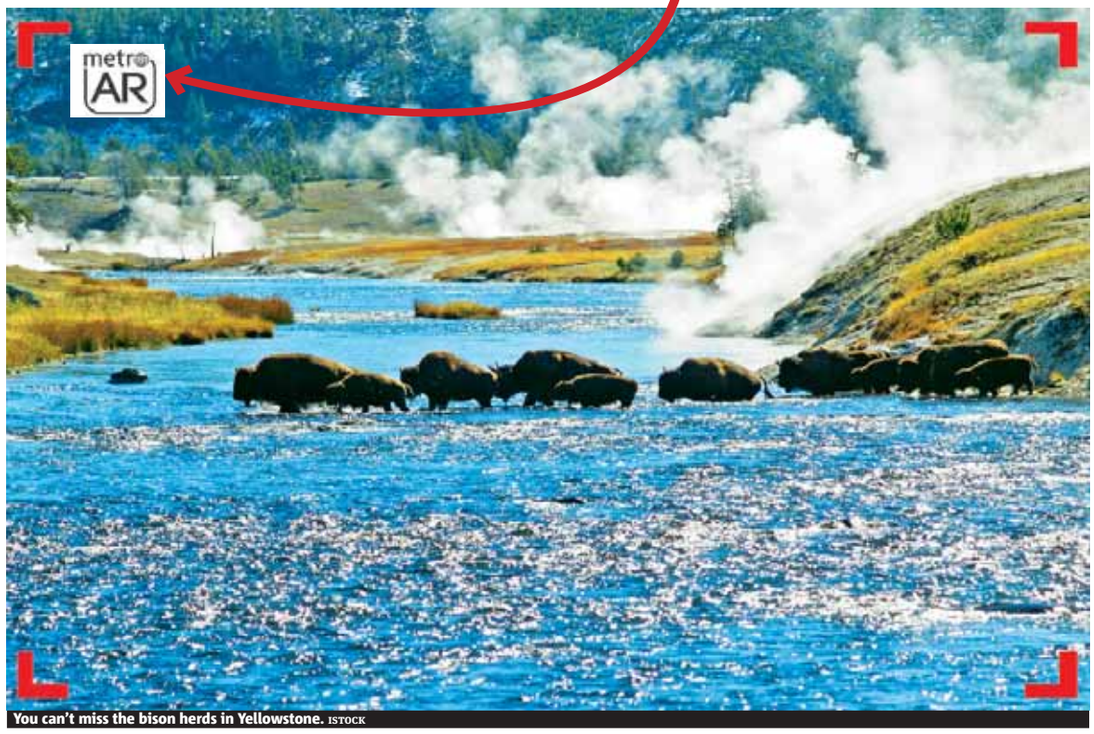
Yellowstone. This massive, famed park stretches across three states — you need a plan to see it all



You can't miss the bison herds in Yellowstone. ISTOCK

Old Faithful likely comes to mind when you think of Yellowstone National Park. And it's certainly worth seeing, along with other geysers. But the geysers are just the start of what Yellowstone offers: hiking, biking, camping, fishing, wildlife-spotting and more. Yellowstone National Park covers 8,992 square kilometres over three states — Wyoming, Idaho and Montana. With stops along the way, it can take two full days to drive the 230-kilometre Grand Loop.

Geysers

Most of the park's easily accessible and most famous geysers are concentrated along a 50-kilometre drive in the middle of the park, from West Thumb, Wyo. to Madison Junction, Wyo. and can be seen in a half-day. Park visitor centres can provide predicted eruption times for about a half-dozen geysers. Some predictions are in windows of several hours, so you'll likely spend some time waiting. Old Faithful erupts every 60 to 90 minutes.

Hikes

The Divide hike is about 5.6 kilometres round trip and takes you to the Continental Divide, the line where water flows toward the Atlantic from one side and toward the Pacific from the other. There's no sign or any other marker at the top, so you'll have to use your imagination. The park rates the hike as moderately strenuous, given the climb of about 225 metres. Mystic Falls is more scenic. The start of the trail is close to the Biscuit Basin cluster of geysers, so you can get geysers and a hike both out of the way with one stop.

Give yourself at least two hours for the drive from the geysers to Mount Washburn. The trail to the top is well-maintained, but the hike isn't for those out of shape: You'll climb some 427 metres to an elevation of 3,122 metres. There are two ways up: The longer route, from Dunraven Pass, is about five kilometres each way, but it's less steep than the Chittenden Road option. Take the same route down; the parking lots for each trailhead are 10 kilometres apart. In the distance, you can glimpse Yellowstone's version of Grand Canyon, a gorge formed by the Yellowstone River. There's a fire lookout tower with an observation deck at the top.

Wildlife and driving

Yellowstone is home to bison, moose, elk, bighorn sheep, wolves and grizzly bears. If you're looking to see a certain type of animal, ask at visitor centres where to go and the best time of day. Cars stopped or parked haphazardly along a road usually means there's something worth seeing. You can't miss the bison herds, but for other creatures, you may need binoculars.

Getting there and lodging

The bulk of the park is in northwest Wyoming and has five entrances. The drive from the entrances to the main loop is long, so plan your access point and lodging carefully. There are nine lodges inside the park; consider switching hotels each night to be closer to another part of the park the next morning.

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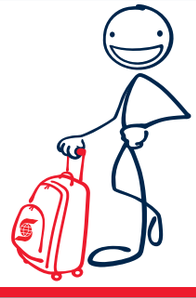
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Bucket List

Biking down Italy's heel

The Puglia region has some of the most beautiful scenery in all of southern Italy and this summer might be the one you hop on a bike and explore this strip of coastal countryside. Plenty of exercise means you can eat everything in sight. Bike through valleys and vineyards, olive groves and seaside villages. Butterfield & Robinson have been biking this quadrant of Europe, among others, for years and have full-service itineraries to opt into or custom adventures as your needs and companions dictate — with adventure, culture and vistas you only see in postcards. The Puglia trip concludes at the UNESCO protected Trulli of Alberobello in the province of Bari. Visit ButterfieldRobinson.com. **DOUG WALLACE/METRO**

Hitting the road in eastern Europe

Cars and Krakow. The transit isn't always reliable, so why not take matters into your own hands and drive?

ON THE MOVE
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Eastern Europe, with its occasionally inconvenient train schedules, is the perfect destination for a week-long road trip.

Arrive by air in Krakow, Poland

Home to the largest market square in Europe and the stunning Wawel Castle, Krakow is the perfect size to explore on foot. The proliferation of statues and portraits of recently canonized Pope John Paul II is a reminder of this town's pride for its most famous son. Oskar Schindler, the German war profiteer who redeemed himself by saving thousands of Jewish lives during the Second World War, is another famous former inhabitant. His factory is now a fascinating museum.

Drive to Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial & Museum, Poland

The extensive remains of this sinister camp are an hour and half from Krakow. I knew the experience wasn't going to be a happy one, but felt compelled to go. Instead of the usual sounds of group chit-chat and camera shutters snapping, the four-hour tour here was silent. After seeing rooms stacked with stolen personal items, including human hair, it is impossible not to feel sick to your stomach. Unfortunately, history can be cruel.

Drive to Cesky Krumlov, Czech Republic

This stunning 17th-century town sits on a peninsula in the Vltava River, overlooked by an immense Renaissance castle. You could walk the entire town in two hours, but it's much more enjoyable to meander your way through the cobblestone streets. Take the audio tour of the castle, linger in the unique art shops and stop for a goblet or three of mead at the Two Marys medieval tavern.

Drive to Prague, Czech Republic

With only two days in Prague, it would be impossible to do justice to all of the big name sites; Prague Castle, Old Town Square, Wenceslas Square. Instead I followed my feet and wandered through the city's varied neighbourhoods. I did end up spending two hours on the Charles Street Bridge, transfixed by the interactions of buskers, artists and tourists underneath the baroque statues that line the parapets. I had an incredible Bohemian meal at the Blue Duckling, about a 10-minute walk from the bridge on the castle side.

The tour of Auschwitz is solemn and silent. LOREN CHRISTIE

Exhibit. Luxury Paris hotel celebrates their Beatles link with photo tribute

Beatles fans who are Paris-bound this summer may want to add the Four Seasons Hotel Georges V to their itinerary, as the luxury landmark will pay tribute to the music legends with a photo exhibit in the lobby June 15-30.

The photos, taken by Harry Benson, capture intimate moments of the quartet at the hotel 50 years ago, including an impromptu jam session at the piano between John Lennon and Paul McCartney, which led to the writing of their hit song I Feel Fine. Benson, who was the tour photographer and was in the suite at the time, immortalized the moment on camera.

The George V also bore witness to another moment of Beatles euphoria, as it was while gathered in one of their suites that the band learned that their song I Want to Hold Your Hand had topped the charts in the U.S. and that they were invited to appear on The Ed Sullivan Show. After learning that the band had broken out into a pillow fight a few nights earlier, Benson asked them to recreate the playful event. **AFP**

The infamous Beatles pillow fight was shot at the Georges V. AFP

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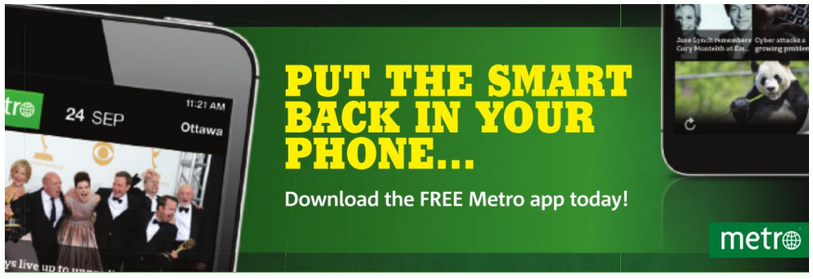

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2. Drink bottled water, and make sure you witness the cap being unsealed (the same goes for beer).

3. Stick to cooked foods and be wary of salads and raw vegetables that may have been washed in unclean water.

4. Don't eat unpasteurized milk or cheese.

5. Eat only the fruits that you can peel yourself.

6. Iodine drops and chlorine tablets can be purchased at camping stores if bottled water is unavailable.

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Trend

Look out for child-free zones

Is the aging population getting sensitive to noise or just tiring of other people's kids? "No minors allowed" seems to be the mantra of many these days. Both passengers and parents are heralding the child-free sections on AirAsia X and Singapore's Scoot airlines, and, like bag-checking fees, this is likely to spread. The resort world is not immune. The Dominican Republic's all-inclusive Meliá Caribe recently launched The Level (pictured above), an adults-only tier that functions like a hotel within a hotel, with kid-free pools, restaurants and a big swath of beach. Timeouts — not just for children anymore.

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Deal

Fort Lauderdale bargains

Fort Lauderdale shines this summer with the value-packed package Vacation Like a VIP, available until September 30 to visitors at some of the area's top beach resorts. The package includes a room upgrade, $100 worth of resort credits, a $25 AmEx Gift Card, free valet parking and the Summer Savings two-for-one gift card. This card includes even more deals on attractions like boatrides through the Everglades, kayaking, catamarans, golfing, fishing, diving, shopping and more. Throw in the 23 miles of beach and you've got a good time. Visit sunny.org.

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There's no place like home: Workers would rather telecommute than move

Staying on task while staying put. As more employees opt to work remotely, we consider how to do your best from your own nest

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Recognize what period of your day requires you to have no distractions, and take steps to secure some silence. ISTOCK

If you're a student, a recent grad, or an entrepreneurial startup type, chances are you're well-versed in working from home, at the library, and in various cafés around town.

In a new study conducted by Ipsos Reid on behalf of the Canadian Employee Relocation Council, researchers found that when it comes to the Canadian employment mobility landscape, more than half of those (55 per cent) who are currently employed would not relocate for a job under any circumstance.

Ask those who consider themselves under-employed and the percentage jumps to 6.5 out of 10. That still leaves a considerable percentage of workers who would greatly prefer to stay put, all things considered.

Remote (but tethered) workdays

Considering these figures, more employees and their companies may need to consider telecommuting options and using mobile technology and broadband connections to enable distributed (rather than co-located) teams.

I dream in green

"Seeing greens on surfaces has been linked to thinking creatively."

Sally Augustin
design and environmental psychologist

Good news, then, that research shows part-time and flexible work-from-home strategies, if properly implemented, can have a positive impact for both businesses and staff.

With funding from the National Institutes of Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, sociologists at the University of Minnesota have published a study showing that increased flexibility at work results in wide-ranging benefits.

Those study participants who were allowed to modify when and where they worked experienced fewer family-work conflicts, achieved greater well-being due to a sense of schedule control, and developed a stronger more supportive relationship with their supervisors.

Set the scene for agile productivity

- When you're mobile and working out-of-home, an extra portable battery charger for tablets and phones is a lifesaver.

Before buying, read the fine print and user reviews to determine whether it will charge your gadget batteries once, twice, or 10 times.

- To work smarter on your smartphone, load it up with time-tracking, list-making, product-managing apps.
- If you're in charge of your own schedule, be sure to determine your optimal working hours, and set clear boundaries (including with family and friends) to protect your personal prime time.
- To manage distractions at home or out-and-about, the combination of a social site blocker and some noise-cancelling headphones will put and keep you in the zone.
- If you're lucky enough to have dedicated office space at home, protect your body from soreness, numbness or strain by doing a little research into economical and ergonomically correct office furnishings.
- For an added productivity boost, paint one wall green. "Seeing greens on surfaces has been linked to thinking creatively," advises design and environmental psychologist Sally Augustin.
- Not ready to paint your walls? Get an office plant instead, to add a touch of greenery to your space, and because research indicates that sharing your desk with foliage or flowers will make you feel happier, too.

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Content marketing is all about providing valuable information or content to current and potential customers to build relationships, consumer trust, branding, and awareness.

According to HubSpot's 2013 State of Inbound Marketing Report, 60 per cent of firms are already using content marketing somewhere in their overall marketing strategy.

Here are four reasons why you should consider a career in content marketing:

As a content marketer, you get to use your creativity to create great content: everything from blogs and videos, to social media contests and infographics. ISTOCK

Join a forward-thinking field

Content marketing is still pretty new and it is constantly changing.

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]Use your creative flair

Content marketing is all about finding new ways to market ideas and information.

The end goal? Connect to your audience to get traffic and leads.

Innovate and enjoy variety

Since content marketing is a dynamic field, you'll be able to bring new ideas to work every single day.

No matter where you go to work as a content marketer, you'll work on a variety of different topics — even if they share an overarching focus.

Connect with others and network

As a content marketer, you will need to know how to ask the right questions, find newsworthy stories and valuable marketing insights.

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No time to make dinner tonight? Just grab tuna and go green

Tuna and Bean Spinach Salad. Fish gives you protein, the beans offer up a dose of fibre, and spinach is packed with nutrients

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Sometimes the comfort of salad fits the bill for a quick dinner — especially when you can make it in about 10 minutes!

Looking for a new salad for the summer weekends or weeknight meals? This one has fresh lemon flavour and crunch from the spinach.

Pack the tuna mixture separately and then toss it when you need it if you are packing it for lunch or to take away to a friend's.

1. In a large bowl, stir together tuna, beans and red onion. Add lemon rind, juice, broth, oil and pepper; stir until well coated. Stir in spinach and toss until leaves are coated. Divide among 6 plates to serve.

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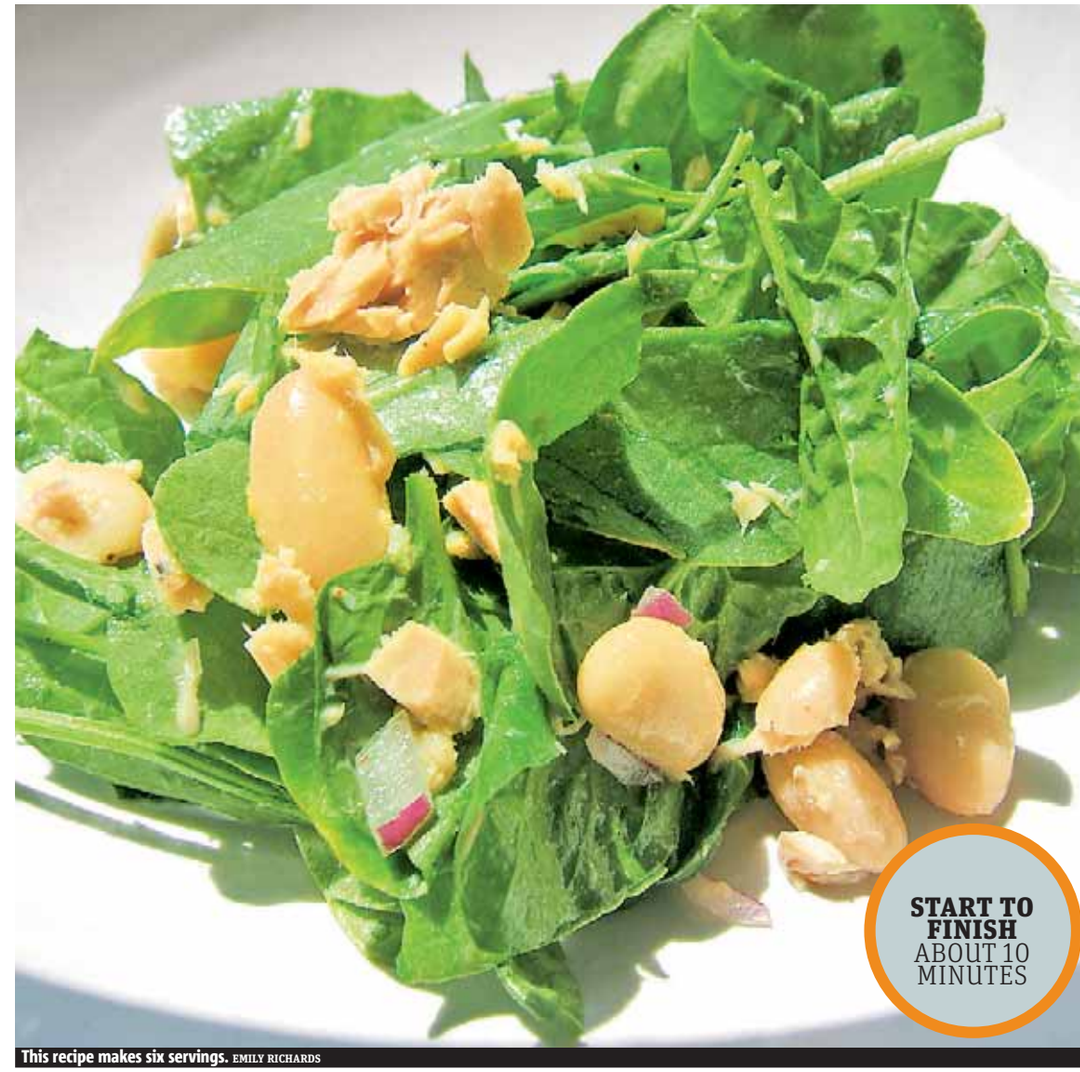
From your fridge to your table in 30 minutes or less

Cooking tips

- This is a great combination for two people to prepare in the kitchen. Make work fun when you have company and speed up the process even more. Whether you are a couple or a family, preparing meals together is quality time during which you can share your day's events and wind down. As the saying goes, home is where the heart is, and luckily also where a kitchen awaits with the aromas and flavours of delicious food to be enjoyed with friends and family!

Ingredients

- 2 cans (6 oz/170 g) light tuna in water, drained
- 1 can (19 oz/540 ml) white kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) finely diced red onion
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) grated lemon rind
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) lemon juice
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) vegetable or chicken broth
- 2 tsp (10 ml) extra virgin olive oil
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) freshly ground black pepper
- 8 cups (2 l) lightly packed baby spinach leaves



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Rookie Yordano Ventura's ability to throw 100 m.p.h.-plus fastballs has earned him the nickname "Ace" in Kansas City. Scan the image below to vote on what you think is the best sports nickname.

SPORTS 4

Habs show plenty of life to send series back to MSG

The Canadiens' Max Pacioretty screens Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist during Game 5 of the Eastern Conference final in Montreal on Tuesday night. Rene Bourque recorded a hat trick and the Habs staved off elimination with a 7-4 win. New York now leads the series 3-2. Six goals were scored — three by each team — in a wild second period in which Lundqvist was pulled after Montreal went ahead 4-1. Game 6 will be played on Thursday at Madison Square Garden in New York. If necessary, Game 7 will be played in Montreal on Saturday night.
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Jays' power display makes it 8 straight

MLB. Buehrle wins his league-best 9th game, team sets up chance for third straight sweep

The Blue Jays dugout reacts after Edwin Encarnacion hit a home run against the Rays on Tuesday at Rogers Centre. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The Blue Jays belted three homers and Mark Buehrle picked up his major-league leading ninth win as Toronto extended its winning streak to eight games Tuesday with a 9-6 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays.

Adam Lind, Edwin Encarnacion and Juan Francisco homered for the American League East-leading Blue Jays, who had 13 hits on the night. Buehrle (9-1) allowed eight hits and three earned runs over 6 2/3 innings.

Lind and Encarnacion hit back-to-back shots in Toronto's four-run fifth inning. Lind hit a two-run blast and Encarnacion followed with his 16th homer of the season, giving him a share of the major-league lead with Baltimore's Nelson Cruz.

Encarnacion also tied Jose Bautista's club record of 14 homers in a month, set back in June 2012.

On Tuesday

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Francisco added a solo shot in the seventh inning and Casey Janssen worked the ninth for his eighth save as Tampa Bay (23-30) lost its second straight game. Toronto (31-22) will go for the sweep of the three-game series on Wednesday night.

The announced attendance at Rogers Centre was 15,993. THE CANADIAN PRESS

French Open

Li Na bows out in the first round

Another day on the clay at the French Open, another reigning Australian Open champion bites the red dust.

Li Na lost her first Grand Slam match since winning the title in Melbourne, falling to Kristina Mladenovic of France 7-5, 3-6, 6-1 on Tuesday.

The loss came a day after men's Australian Open champion Stan Wawrinka was eliminated in the first round. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB

Royals get good news from young pitcher's MRI exam

Royals pitcher Yordano Ventura will miss his next start after an MRI exam taken Tuesday on his sore right elbow showed no ligament damage. Ventura, whose 100 miles per hour fastballs have made him a rising star, was removed from Monday night's loss to Houston with discomfort in his elbow.

He was diagnosed with a mild valgus extension overload, a condition in which the repetitive stress on the elbow can cause pain in the joint. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Yordano Ventura GETTY IMAGES

Argos' move to BMO Field still in play

Tim Leiweke TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

The chief executives of Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment and the Toronto Argonauts say the CFL team might still move to BMO Field, though an early financial hurdle has not yet been overcome.

In a Tuesday interview, MLSE CEO Tim Leiweke rejected a newspaper report that said the company has "cancelled" its plan to renovate the soccer stadium and allow the football club to play there after its Rogers Centre lease expires in 2017.

Leiweke said the relocation plan is not dead — just "on hold" as MLSE attempts to secure $10 million from the provincial government, which is in the middle of an election campaign, and $10 million from the federal government.

Because the money has not arrived, MLSE is now asking city council to endorse a change to the renovation agreement that was approved by council only last month on the condition of an Argos move.

The agreement was for a $120-million project to be paid for by MLSE ($90 million), the city ($10 million, to be repaid by MLSE with interest), the federal government ($10 million) and the provincial government ($10 million).

Leiweke said MLSE still faces pressure to add about 8,000 permanent seats to the city-owned stadium in time for the Pan Am Games next summer. So the company wants council to quickly sign off on a scaled-back renovation which would add those seats and build a roof.

The new plan would require the $90 million in MLSE money and $10 million from the city. "If and when" the additional $20 million arrives, Leiweke said, MLSE would then do the work to accommodate the Argos and 10,000 extra temporary seats for major events such as the NHL Winter Classic.
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TFC helped prepare Cesar for the world

15 days to go. Brazil 'keeper hopes to avoid mistakes of South Africa after stint in T.O.

Julio Cesar gave up nine goals in his seven games with Toronto FC this spring. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Brazil goalkeeper Julio Cesar said Tuesday he arrives for the World Cup at home a lot more prepared than he was four years ago, when his mistake played a part in the team's elimination in South Africa.

Cesar said the difficulties he went through after the 2010 World Cup helped him become "a better professional" and made him "more focused" on his career.

He admitted he took things for granted before South Africa, when he arrived considered the world's top goalkeeper.

The 34-year-old Cesar said he joined Toronto FC this spring because it was the only team that wanted him, but called his time with Toronto "excellent" and said he is "100 per cent" ready.

"I arrive a lot more prepared than I was four years ago," Cesar said at Brazil's training centre in Teresopolis, outside Rio de Janeiro. "During bad times you have to try to find some positive things, and I did."

Cesar failed to clear a cross during Brazil's quarter-final against the Netherlands in 2010. That led to the equalizer for the Dutch, which eventually went on to beat Brazil 2-1. Cesar said he thought about quitting soccer, and things got worse after he faced problems both at Inter Milan and then at Queens Park Rangers, where he was sidelined and played sparingly.

"I became a better professional after the 2010 World Cup," he said. "I was very confident in 2010 because of everything that had happened until then, and I think that too much confidence can hurt. Now I can say that from personal experience."

Although Brazil coach Luiz Felipe Scolari named Cesar the World Cup starter a long time ago, many consider the goalkeeper the weakest link in Brazil's squad, especially because of his lack of play in recent months.

"I don't think there is pressure," Cesar said. "I know many people are questioning me and why I was selected, but the coaches have the confidence in my game and I know that I can add a lot to this group."

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Amway Championship

Canadian title means a lot to Reds

Bradley Orr GETTY IMAGES

Bradley Orr said that every kid's dream growing up playing soccer in England was to hoist a cup.

So he and his TFC teammates say they will have no problem getting up for their Amway Canadian Championship final against Montreal Impact, even if the result doesn't count toward MLS standings.

"I love cup games. There's a prize at the end of it," the Toronto defender said after practice Tuesday. "Back in England it was the FA Cup, now that we're here it's the Canadian Cup, and it's just as important for me as any league game, because there's pride at stake and there's a lot to play for. It's a big game, no doubt about it, and one we're looking forward to."

Toronto hosts Montreal for the first leg Wednesday at BMO Field. The second leg is June 4 at Saputo Stadium in Montreal. The team with the higher aggregate score after the matches represents Canada in the 2014-2015 CONCACAF Champions League. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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2014 Kia Rondo

- **Type.** Four-door, front-wheel drive compact 5 or 7-passenger wagon
- **Engines (hp).** 2.0-litre inline four-cylinder with direct gasoline engine (164)
- **Transmissions.** Six-speed manual, six-speed automatic
- **Base price (incl. destination).** $23,460

Market position

Despite the popularity of larger crossover vehicles, these tall hatchbacks offer an excellent alternative for those who prefer a compact vehicle. The Rondo's features and quiet ride make it a standout in the category.

Points

- 5-year/100,000 km warranty covers almost everything on the Rondo, while wear items such as wiper blades and brake pads have 1-year/20,000 km coverage.
- Completely redesigned for 2013, the Rondo is currently offered in Canada, but no longer in the United States.
- Fuel consumption of 9.2 L/100 km city and 6.3 highway (with automatic transmission) is best among its direct competitors.

As a hatchback, the Rondo comes with a spacious back end.

Safety

Front, side, and curtain airbags; brake assist and distribution; hill assist control; vehicle stability control; rear view camera and parking sensors on EX trims.

Rondo is a great family choice

Review. The Kia Rondo is a smooth-riding option to accommodate the whole clan

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I've always been fond of the so-called "tall wagon," a hatchback that combines the upright seating and practicality of a minivan or SUV, but with the compact footprint of a small car. The Kia Rondo fits the bill, in five-passenger seating, or with an optional third row for seven people.

There are three trim levels, and all use a 2.0-litre, four-cylinder engine that makes 164 horsepower, and 156 lb.-ft. of torque. The base LX trim starts at $21,795 and comes with a six-speed manual transmission, but it's there for price, not sportiness. Most buyers will opt for the smooth-shifting six-speed automatic, optional on the LX, and the only choice on the EX and EX Luxury trims.

The Rondo is spacious and comfortable, while the top-of-the-line seven-seat trim level includes such features as parking sensors, panoramic sunroof, and heated and cooled leather seats for $30,795, with navigation further available as an option.

It isn't the most fun-to-drive car on the market, but the ride is smooth, and it handles corners without feeling tippy despite its height. It's also confident and well-planted on the highway, and you can switch the electric power steering to feel lighter or more weighted, depending on your preference. It's also very quiet, thanks to a considerable amount of sound-deadening material, and visibility is excellent all the way around.

Kia put a lot of thought into the interior, with numerous little items to make life easier for families. The EX models have integrated rear-window sunshades, eliminating the need to use suction-cup versions to protect children from the sun, and there's a rechargeable flashlight in the cargo area. If you get the five-seat model, there's a large, covered storage bin under the cargo floor.

As with most tall wagons, it's easy to get in and out, especially for children or elderly passengers. The third-row's seats are nicely cushioned, but there's really only enough space for children.

Good-looking and thoughtfully engineered, the Rondo could well be a practical alternative to an SUV for many families.

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In every episode of Jerry Seinfeld's online show, Comedians In Cars Getting Coffee, he picks up a well-known comic in a classic car chosen to mesh with their personality. The series' strongest episodes are the ones where Jerry's automotive sommelier skills have managed to orchestrate the perfect pairing, and the selected set of wheels truly embodies his celeb guest's spirit.

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5 Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee guest stars and their on-air wheels

Howard Stern
1969 Pontiac GTO Judge

The badass showy muscle car with hideaway headlights, a blacked out grille and a take-no-prisoners four barrel 370 hp V8 is a fitting chariot for the shock jock/America's Got Talent hotshot.

Its "All Rise" mentality suits the randy radio host to a tee; the only thing Seinfeld messed up was the colour. A starlight black version would have been a better fit than the vivid citrus orange, but at least it's got a black leather interior.

Louis C.K.
1959 Fiat Jolly

Jolly translates to "Joker" in Italian and you certainly need a sense of whimsy to take this doorless leisure buggy with wicker seats and a two-cylinder 22 hp engine for a spin. They were actually marketed as a glamorous golf cart or yachting shore rider for when in port.

The excruciatingly honest comedian who writes/acts/stars in FX's Louie can't help but take potshots at the car that is the same shade of orange as his goatee. After remarking that he can drag his knuckles on the street while they drive, he notes, "It's funny because people are right there, there's a bicyclist and my face is at his ass level." Schtick aside, C.K.'s ties to the Jolly go beyond colour matching: he is actually a yacht guy and he takes Seinfeld for a cruise on the Hudson River.

Jay Leno
1949 Porsche 356/2

One of the first production cars the company produced, this stunning Porsche was built using mostly Volkswagon parts. The aluminum body was hand-hammered in a sawmill in Gmünd, Austria and the interior came decked out with plush corduroy upholstery.

The rare classic is as regal as the ex-Tonight Show host's chin and only 52 were ever made. "I love it because to me it looks like a little alien flying saucer," Jerry quips, talking about the Porsche, not his passenger's plus-sized mandible.

Patton Oswalt
1981 DeLorean DMC-12

The DeLorean is the Dontrelle Willis of automobiles: It came out with a flash bang, but flamed out so fast you can't help but wonder what could have been. Known for its starring turn as the time machine in Back to the Future, the gull-wing doors and unpainted stainless steel body certainly looked the part.

Performance-wise though, it left a lot to be desired, and on the episode it barely leaves Oswalt's curb before breaking down with smoke billowing out of the engine echoing Oswalt's start and stall career. But the endearing and persevering comic who voiced Remy on Ratatouille is also an early tech adopter, saving the comedians' coffee run by hailing a ride with Uber.

Bob Einstein
1970 Mercedes 300SEL 6.3

The bold stroke of genius here was to take a massive, powerful, luxe limo engine, a V8 cranking out 300-hp, and figure out how to cram it into a much smaller and lighter S-class to turn it into a super sedan.

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Grand Caravan ready for family fun

Second gear. 2008 to 2014 Dodge Grand Caravan

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The Dodge Grand Caravan entered its current generation for 2008, riding a sole long-wheelbase platform and packing new power, features and safety. Virtually unbeatable where size and passenger capacity for the money was concerned, the latest Grand Caravan continues its decades-long history as a best-selling family hauler.

Feature content, depending on the year and model, could include power sliding doors and liftgate, navigation, back-up camera, power-folding rear seats, rear-seat entertainment consoles, a pop-up activity table and plenty more.

The test drive

Some owners have reported a shorter-than-expected lifespan for various brake and suspension components, as well as tires. Be sure to have each of these inspected by a mechanic ahead of your purchase.

Note that squealing from the front of the vehicle typically indicates that a brake job is needed, and that any unwelcome clunking or popping sounds from beneath the vehicle are likely the result of a worn suspension part. Wheel bearings on older models should also be inspected.

Triple-check for proper operation of the air conditioner, and the rear-seat climate control system, too.

Be sure the transmission operates smoothly — and that it's been treated to on-time fluid and filter changes, avoiding any model that exhibits signs of slippage, clunking or unwanted noise from the transmission during gear-changes.

Budget for a full mechanical inspection ahead of your purchase, and complete a full fluid change and tune-up if the vehicle's service history is unknown.

Ensure the motorized doors and tailgate (if equipped) work as expected — opening and closing fully with no signs of resistance. Locate every button used to open each sliding door, confirming proper operation. Note that proper lubrication of the door tracks and chain drive on motorized motors can go a long way towards reliable operation.

What owners like

Space, comfort, noise levels and all-around utility and flexibility were highly rated by owners and their families. A great combination of affordable pricing and generous room helped round out the package. Grand Caravan is said to be accommodating.

Engines

All units in this generation Grand Caravan were powered by a V6 engine and equipped with an automatic transmission and front-wheel drive. Displacements range from 3.3 to 4.0 litres depending on the year and model. From 2012 on, all models got a new 3.6 litre V6.

What owners dislike

Typical owner complaints centre around poor fuel mileage on some models, cumbersome handling, and difficulty parking, given the vehicle's length.

The verdict

For maximum confidence from your new-to-you family hauler, stop in to a Dodge dealership with your potential new Grand Caravan for a pre-purchase inspection. With a clean bill of health and no warning signs of potential issues, you're well on your way to joining the huge community of Dodge Grand Caravan owners. Note that a 2012 or later model will boast superior performance and fuel efficiency, thanks to the new engine and transmission combination.

Spanish brand Bultaco bets on all-electric model

Rapitan. Bike's battery has range of up to 200 kilometres per charge

The Spanish motorcycle manufacturer Bultaco, which went out of business in the early 1980s, is back in the news following the introduction of the Rapitan, a new all-electric ride slated to go on sale in 2015.

The news echoes the spectacular return of the French brand Voxan last December with its Wattman, which is also due to hit the market in 2015.

In the hopes of resurrecting the Bultaco name, the successors to founder Paco Bulto are focusing their efforts on an all-electric model. The Rapitan packs an electric motor with 40 kW, or the equivalent of 55 hp. While its top speed is limited to 145 km/h, the manufacturer says the motorcycle can accelerate from 0 to 100 km/h in a mere four seconds.

The battery, which recharges fully in less than five hours, has a range of up to 200 km per charge. Presented as a prototype, the Bultaco Rapitan is scheduled to hit the market in 2015.

This is not the first time that a brand has risen from its ashes with an all-electric motorcycle. In December 2013, French manufacturer Voxan, which was liquidated in 2009 and purchased by Venturi in 2010, returned to the scene with the Wattman, an all-electric motorcycle symbolizing its rebirth.

Powered by an engine with 200 hp — making it the world's most powerful electric motorcycle, according to Voxan — the Wattman boasts a top speed of 170 km/h, 0 to 100 km/h acceleration in just 3.4 seconds and 0 to 160 km/h in 5.9 seconds. The battery offers a range of around 180 km. Like the Rapitan, this powerful all-electric ride will not go on sale to the public until 2015. AFP

The Spanish motorcycle maker Bultaco is hoping to make a comeback with the Rapitan, an all-electric road bike. BULTACO

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Shift: Saving the planet, one electric scooter, landfill-powered production plant, or sunshine carport at a time

Michigan to host Mahindra electric scooter plant

Motor scooters are viewed in many parts of the world as an economical and relatively low-emission means of personal transportation.

In North America, not so much.

Indian automaker Mahindra hopes to change that, announcing in early May that it will manufacture a zero-emissions electric two-seat motor scooter at a 3,400-square-metre facility in Ann Arbor, Mich.

The GenZe is a small step-through scooter with a large storage box above the rear wheel; it features a removable battery unit that can be recharged at any electrical outlet and when charged, will deliver a 50-kilometre range at a top speed of 50 km/h, restricting its use to high-density urban and campus areas. No price has been announced.

Mahindra will manufacture a zero-emissions scooter. ALL PHOTOS AND TEXT WHEELBASE MEDIA

Electrics good, but not necessary to meet 2025 CAFE standard

Automakers don't need to build large numbers of electric vehicles to meet the corporate fleet average 54.5 miles per U.S. gallon Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) target set by the U.S. government for 2025, says one automotive industry executive.

Brian Kesseler, president of Johnson Controls Inc.'s battery division, told a conference sponsored by auto industry news service, Automotive News, that by using a mixture of stop-start systems, turbochargers, direct fuel injection and other cutting-edge technologies, automakers have already made big improvements in fuel economy.

Despite mixed results so far with electric vehicles, he said, automakers have had more success upgrading conventional powertrains. Kesseler said those and other cutting-edge technologies would get automakers to the CAFE benchmark within a decade.

Shift points

- **Toyota says it is "turning garbage into good" with a scheme to use gas from a landfill to power vehicle production.** It has implemented a method of generating electricity from the gases produced by decaying garbage to augment production at its factory in Georgetown, Ky.
- **Ford will install its first employee electric-vehicle-charging-station network at its Dearborn, Mich.,** headquarters, with facilities across the United States and Canada to follow. Ford says networked stations will help it understand charging usage and to plan for future installations.

Engine layout change won't delay NSX launch

Honda's Acura luxury division is confident its promised 2015 launch for the new NSX hybrid sports car will go ahead as originally planned, despite recently implemented changes in how its mid-mounted V6 gasoline engine will sit within the body, assisted by a trio of electric motors that are expected to put the lightweight two-seater's performance firmly inside of super-duper car territory. The engine will not sit transversely (sideways) in the vehicle, but longitudinally instead. The switch was done, Acura said, for vehicle balance and packaging reasons. The car could also sport an eight-speed automated manual transmission to deliver the NSX's expected 600-plus collective horsepower to all four wheels. Honda has only said it would have "more than six" gears.

The new NSX has a twin-turbocharged V6 engine and three electric motors.

Sunshine carport extends vehicle sustainability

A solar-powered carport proposed by BMW for its "i series" electric cars is more than visually stunning, it would enable "i-car" owners to be more self-sufficient in their choice of energy supply.

Solar panels on the roof of the bamboo and carbon-fibre structure collect the sun's free energy and store it in the vehicle; excess solar energy not needed to charge the car can be used by the owner's connected house.

"With the solar carport concept, we opted for a holistic approach," said Tom Allemann of BMW Designworks USA. "Not only is the vehicle itself sustainable, but so is its energy supply."

Still only a concept, BMW has not said whether it will be built.

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What test car is Garry bringing us this week? We literally have no clue what he's bringing us until it lands in our driveway. But who are we to doubt Garry Sowerby, who has a bazillion Guinness records for around-the-world driving? That's a bazillion more than we have, after all. Come along and find out as we drive 'em, dirty 'em and shoot 'em with our phone cams. These are real-life, no-glam reviews.

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The Audi TT-RS is subtly elegant

Special delivery. This sporty hatchback's plain appearance hides a 360-horsepower turbo charged five-cylinder engine

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I get the call that he's going to be way late.

World record holder Garry Sowerby is all about beating the clock, but today he's an hour behind to drop off the test car. And here's why.

"Listen to this," he says over a poor cell connection. Eh? It sounds like two guys fighting with chainsaws on the other end.

"Well, how do you like the sound of that engine?" he says.

If you were here, it would be me going through the gears and not you, Mr. Garry, with two R's in his first name.

It's times like these that really make this job extra fun. The TT-RS shows up with Garry ripping up and down the street a few times to show off how good/loud it sounds. Kinda funny, actually.

"What are you, like, 16? Just get your licence or something?"

He's giddy. The neighbours haven't called the cops yet, so that's good.

"Sign here," Garry says, and he grabs his Obusforme back-rest thingie and his detailing kit and races off to places unknown with my test car from last week.

The Audi TT-RS, at the end of its life in the press fleet but still found at the odd dealership, arrives here just when the first order of business is shuttling some stuff around town. It's a hatchback after all, and justifying the kind of cash layout — $68,000 or so as a 2013 model — for this machine has to take into account "stuff" that has nothing to do with its 360-horsepower turbocharged five-cylinder engine. I move three full loads across town in very rapid fashion. That engine does sound pretty good, like half a V10.

Loafs at highway speeds.

Shared wheels with other Audis? Meh.

Who needs a pickup?

Carbon-knit mirrors nicer than painted.

From a practicality perspective, it's all-wheel-drive, so it can be used in the winter (unlike a Corvette) and the TT-RS holds shovels, axes, paint cans and bins of power tools with no problem. You can do that in a Corvette coupe, though, too, although more people would likely think you're nuts.

The "RS" name is attached to Audi's best-of-series models. The top in the A5 line for example is the RS 5. The top A7 model is the RS 7, and so on. The TT-RS is actually quick enough to beat the double-the-price 430-horsepower R8 supercar to 100 km/h. Compared with the regular TT, you'll spy giant brake rotors behind giant wheels. There's also a special fixed wing mounted to the hatchback. Otherwise, the TT-RS looks a lot like your garden-variety TT coupe and almost exactly like the TT with the S Line package. That's either good or bad depending on how you look at it. For the extra $20,000 needed for the RS, you might want a little more visual distinction, but on the other hand, flying below the radar might just be your M.O., and knowing you have something special is better than flaunting it with racing stripes, coffee-can-sized tailpipes and loud paint.

The pluses are that it will likely lay a beating on a more-expensive Porsche Cayman S. On the downside, it probably doesn't stand a chance against a new 2014 Corvette that costs about $10,000 less, which means the buying decision boils down to what it usually does: What you like. In this case, you have to like subtle and elegant things.

And I think I know what Garry likes.

OK, can we chat?

Wow: Sound; low-speed acceleration; hatchback is actually useful; AWD makes it one of only a few four-seasons sports cars; tremendous brakes; quick steering response; killer stereo system; interior quality; easy to use.

- **Hmmm: A bit plain; iffy visibility; value, depending on what your priority is (an A7 is only a few thousand more); ripped off the A5 wheels, which ripped them off the R8; TT-RS not made anymore.**

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Garry Sowerby, automotive Guinness World Record holder

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Need a parking spot? You won't find one in the newest condo building

Change in car culture. 42-storey condo first in Toronto to go "no parking," leading national trend

AUTO PILOT
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Another mile marker on the way to big change in automotive culture is a new and soaring 42-floor condominium structure on University Avenue in Toronto.

It offers lots of amenities, a nice selection of counter tops and bathroom tile, a snazzy foyer, but nothing resembling a parking garage.

There are only nine parking spots and those are reserved for a car-share program.

It might be the first new-build condominium in the country to offer "no parking" for all, but it won't be the last.

Municipalities have always enacted bylaws that stipulate how much parking had to be included in new developments. In downtown Toronto, for example, the requirement is 0.6 parking spots per unit. In other areas it could be as high as two spots per unit.

But the pressure is on to get rid of these parking requirements.

To go "no parking," this Toronto condo had to receive special approval from city council. In Calgary, officials are seriously considering green-lighting a condo tower with similar car-free ideals. And in Vancouver, they are moving toward new zoning that would allow developers to make their own calls about whether or not to put parking stalls in their buildings.

"This is the way we're headed," says Christopher Hume, the Toronto Star's architecture and urban affairs critic. "The people who live in these condos don't need or want a car. They choose these apartments and neighbourhoods so they don't have to go through the whole hassle of buying and operating a car."

Like we spoke about previously in this space, there is a young demographic out there which does not share the previous generations' drive for car ownership and car culture. That mindset is now making an impact on building design.

Throw in the growing popularity of such things as car sharing, Uber taxi, bicycling, and the pressure of land use in the city, and it's not hard to see why parking garages might become rarities in more and more urban neighbourhoods in the coming years. Hume adds that architects in the city are even contemplating a future where current underground garages might be re-purposed for other activities, such as studio space and light manufacturing.

As they are currently, parking garages are awful spaces.

Usually I feel nostalgic about anything car related going away. But a dank, filthy, underused underground garage somewhere downtown is not one of them. And I would say that even if I didn't get routinely lost in them. Just for the record, I think "exit" should mean "exit," and not, "go around in a circle a few more times, than try a left ... or right."

A new condo tower in Toronto contains no parking spaces. MIKE GOETZ

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Pop starlet Robyn new face of Volvo

As part of its ongoing promotion of Swedish design and engineering, car maker Volvo shot its latest advertising video with Robyn. The pop singer follows in the footsteps of soccer star Zlatan Ibrahimović as the latest face of Volvo's Made by Sweden campaign.

Starring Robyn, the new video aims to promote the Volvo V60, which is equipped with the energy-efficient Drive-E engine.

The advertisement will be aired in Sweden before launching worldwide.

One of the world's best-known Swedish pop stars, Robyn has had a number of international hits over the past decade, including With Every Heartbeat and Show Me Love. AFP

Robyn AFP

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Easy ways to take a drive on the eco side

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Accelerate gently. The harder you accelerate the more fuel you consume. In the city, you can conserve fuel by easing onto the accelerator pedal gently and gradually. Pretend there's an egg under the gas pedal and an open cup of coffee on the dash. Try to drive without breaking the shell or spilling the coffee and you'll be good to go.

Maintain a steady speed. Be consistent. Unintentional dips in speed and sudden bursts of acceleration take a toll on your tank and your wallet. In fact, tests show that varying your speed up and down between 75 km/h and 85 km/h every 18 seconds can increase your fuel use by 20 per cent. Use cruise control whenever possible.

Anticipate traffic. Read the road ahead, anticipate road disruptions, monitor the movements of pedestrians and other vehicles and keep a comfortable distance between your vehicle and the one in front of you.

Coast to decelerate. Coasting to a stop with your foot off the pedal is like driving for free. By anticipating traffic slowdowns as early as possible, you can decrease your speed, conserve fuel and save money by simply taking your foot off the accelerator. Today, most vehicles are equipped with fuel-injection systems that automatically shut off the flow of fuel to the engine when the accelerator is fully released.

Avoid high speeds. Even if you have a need for speed, slow down. Most cars, vans, SUVs and pickup trucks operate most fuel efficiently when travelling between 50 and 80 km/h. Anything above this optimal speed zone and vehicles consume increasingly more fuel the faster they go. For example, if it takes $10 worth of fuel to drive a certain distance at 100 km/h, it would cost $12 to travel that same distance at 120 km/h. That's like throwing a toonie out the window every 100 km. NEWS CANADA

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♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Be as carefree as you please over the next 24 hours. No one will mind in the least. Not that you care what others think but it's nice to have fun without being called irresponsible.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You must hold out for what it is you know you deserve. The planets indicate it will be your rivals who blink first, so look and act tough and be tough in your approach to negotiations.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
A new moon in your sign suggests whatever you start over the next 24 hours will work out well. Don't listen to those who say you should be cautious. It's your time to shine.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Because today's new moon falls in the most sensitive area of your chart, your best course of action over the next 48 hours is to withdraw from the world for. Start planning for the coming 12 months. They'll be special.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
If you need advice of any sort today, don't be afraid to ask your friends. The current new moon means they will help in any way they can, but you need to ask them first. They won't just offer their opinions.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
A new moon in the career area of your chart will give you the courage to make necessary changes on the work front. It's your life, it's your career and it's your choice as to what you do with them both.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You have a lot to say for yourself and most of it is worth listening to, but be careful you don't say anything that might upset people whose support you are going to need.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
If you have been thinking of ways to make money, now is the time to come to a decision about your strategy. What you start over the next few days will reap rich rewards during the second half of the year.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
It may be that your rivals have the advantage but what happens today and tomorrow will give you the courage, as well as the opportunity, to turn the tables on them.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Keep doing what you are doing and don't listen to those who say you should be doing something else. The more they try to pick holes in your plans, the more certain you can be that you're on the right track.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Today's new moon in your fellow Air sign of Gemini will inspire you to put your talents to good use. Relationships will go well too, so be assertive and dynamic and make sure others know what it is you desire.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Be more open about your feelings, especially if you are the kind of Pisces who tends to keep your emotions bottled up inside. It is good to release the pressure. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

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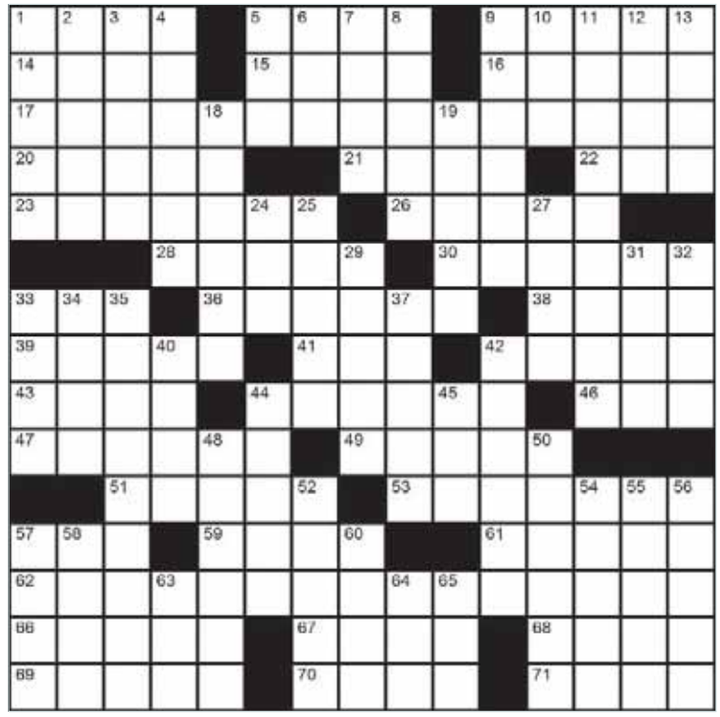


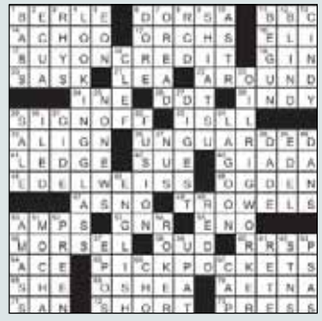
Across

1. School subj.
5. Ancient Scot
9. Rocker David
14. Lebanon's locale
15. Chess piece
16. "Being __" (Canadian series, 2009 to 2011)
17. NBL Canada team: 2 wds.
20. Dude
21. Hockey's Mr. Lindros
22. Music tycoon, Dr. __
23. Shoppers Drug Mart: __ Card
26. Book publisher, __ Canada
28. Carpet: French
30. Metamorphic rock type
33. Dwindle
36. Country singer Mel
38. Lake for the Ontario municipality at #18-Down
39. Medicine Hat born actor Mr. Gerussi
41. 'Peace' suffix (Pacifist)
42. Rocker Mr. Reznor
43. Value
44. "And Muzak filled the air / From __ to Cuyahoga Falls." - The Pretenders, "My City Was Gone"
46. "__ of Love" (1989)
47. Singing span
49. Alberta: __ Oil Sands Project
51. Australia's gem-stones
53. Cutely-named flower
57. Canadian author/broadcaster, __-Marie MacDonald
59. Badminton dividers
61. Separately
62. The Band song that starts "You can walk on the water...": 4 wds.
66. Shoelace tip
67. Carry along
68. __-__-for-now!
69. Demurely
70. Nylons nick
71. Brewery beverages

Down

1. Perry Como's "Papa Loves __"
2. "I'll have _ __." (Lunchtime order)
3. Touch of colour
4. Be a survivor: 2 wds.
5. For
6. "Am ___?" (Query from backstage)
7. __ about (Occur)
8. Capt. James _. __
9. Passing ship's guide
10. Grampus
11. Nature's infernos
12. Champagne cooling container
13. Slacken
18. Leamington, the '__ Capital of Canada'
19. Tree growth indicators
24. News agcy.
25. English author A.A.
27. Nobleman
29. Embark embarrassedly
31. Trigonometry ratio
32. Bristle
33. Spain: Zaragoza's river
34. Bric-a-__
35. __-__ jeans
37. Michael McDonald's "_ __ Forgettin' (Every Time You're Near)"
40. Tide type
42. Clan's cloth
44. Tennis great Monica
45. Flight simulators co. headquartered in Saint-Laurent, QC
48. "Nasty Girl" by __ 6 (Trivia! The lead singer of this '80s trio is Canadian)
50. Oscar-winning actress Ms. Nyong'o
52. RBIs, e.g.
54. Warship-related
55. Furious
56. __ Shrugged (Ayn Rand novel)
57. Sorrowful sigh
58. Virtually, in verse
60. Hospital readout
63. Sushi bar's 'Unagi'
64. Jennifer Lopez _ _ J.Lo
65. Mr. Philbin, to pals

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

	9	4					7	
6	3		1	7				
					2	6		1
						4	8	6
	5						3	
9	2	6						
7		9	5					
				4	1		2	7
	8					5	4	

Yesterday's Sudoku

3	8	7	5	1	4	6	2	9
1	9	5	3	2	6	8	4	7
4	2	6	7	8	9	1	5	3
5	6	8	1	9	2	3	7	4
7	4	9	8	6	3	5	1	2
2	1	3	4	7	5	9	6	8
6	3	4	2	5	8	7	9	1
9	7	2	6	3	1	4	8	5
8	5	1	9	4	7	2	3	6

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WE CHALLENGE YOU TO FIND A BETTER PRICE

UP TO **0%** FINANCING

OR

UP TO **84** MONTHS

PLUS

CASH BONUS UP TO **$4,000**§

OFFER ENDS JUNE 2ND

$750 TRADE-IN BONUS** ON SELECT CUVs

Rondo EX Luxury shown^
Cash purchase price $29,094
hwy / city 100km*: 6.3L/9.2L

Sportage SX Luxury shown^
Cash purchase price $38,344
hwy / city 100km*: 7.0L/10.0L

Sorento EX shown^
Cash purchase price $34,544
hwy / city 100km*: 9.0L/12.7L

2014 RONDO LX MT

$18,594‡

INCLUDES **$5,000**¤ IN CASH SAVINGS

Offer includes delivery, destination and fees. Offer based on 2014 Rondo LX MT (RN551E) with a purchase price of **$23,594**. Excludes HST.

STANDARD FEATURES

- HEATED FRONT SEATS
- SATELLITE RADIO†
- VEHICLE STABILITY MANAGEMENT

2014 SPORTAGE LX MT

$21,596∞

OR PLUS

UP TO **0%** FINANCING

UP TO **84** MONTHS

Offer includes delivery, destination, fees and **$3,198 IN CASH BONUS**§. Offer based on 2014 Sportage LX MT FWD (SP551E) with a purchase price of **$24,794**. Excludes HST.

STANDARD FEATURES

- BLUETOOTH® CONNECTIVITY
- SATELLITE RADIO†
- AIR CONDITIONING

2015 SORENTO LX AT

$25,596∞

OR PLUS

UP TO **0.99%** FINANCING

UP TO **84** MONTHS

Offer includes delivery, destination, fees and **$3,198 IN CASH BONUS**§. Offer based on 2015 Sorento 2.4L LX AT FWD (SR75BF) with a purchase price of **$28,794**. Excludes HST.

STANDARD FEATURES

- STEERING WHEEL AUDIO CONTROLS
- HEATED FRONT SEATS
- 6-SPEED AUTO

2014 FIFA WORLD CUP SALES EVENT

5 Year Warranty

WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED
*5-year/100,000 km worry-free comprehensive warranty.

Kia's new Customer Friendly Pricing includes delivery and destination fees and all mandatory government levies. Prices do not include fuel-fill charges up to $100, dealer administration fees up to $399, licensing or applicable taxes.

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The Power to Surprise

Offer(s) available on select new 2014/2015 models through participating dealers to qualified retail customers who take delivery by June 2, 2014. Dealers may sell or lease for less. Some conditions apply. See dealer for complete details. Vehicles shown may include optional accessories and upgrades available at extra cost. All offers are subject to change without notice. All pricing includes delivery and destination fees up to $1,665, $5 OMVIC fee, $29 tire tax, other taxes, environmental fee, and $100 A/C charge (where applicable). Excludes licensing, registration, insurance, fuel-fill charges up to $100, dealer administration fees up to $399, and down payment (if applicable and unless otherwise specified). Other lease and financing options also available. 0%/0.99% financing offer for up to 84 months available O.A.C to qualified retail customers, on approved credit for the new 2014 Sportage LX MT FWD (SP551E)/2015 Sorento 2.4L LX AT FWD (SR75BF) with a selling price of $21,596/$25,596 and includes delivery and destination fees of $1,665, tire tax of $29, A/C charge ($100 when applicable) and a cash bonus of $3,198. Bi-weekly payments of $119/$146 for 84 months with $0 down payment. Credit fees of $0/$902. Total obligation is $21,596/$26,498. See retailer for complete details. **Purchase price for the new 2014 Sportage LX MT FWD (SP551E)/2015 Sorento 2.4L LX AT FWD (SR75BF) is $21,596/$25,596 and includes a cash bonus of $3,198 (which is deducted from the negotiated selling price before taxes). Retailer may sell for less. ‡Cash purchase price for the new 2014 Rondo LX MT (RN551E) is $18,594 and includes a cash savings of $5,000 (which is deducted from the negotiated selling price before taxes and cannot be combined with special lease/finance offers). Retailer may sell for less. ¤Cash bonus amounts are offered on select 2014/2015 models and are deducted from the negotiated purchase/lease price before taxes. Offer ends June 2, 2014. See your dealer for complete details. §Cash savings amounts are offered on select 2014 and 2015 models and are deducted from the negotiated cash purchase price before taxes. Offer ends June 2, 2014. See your dealer for complete details. ∞Offer available on the retail purchase/lease of any 2014 Rondo model from participating retailers between May 1–June 2, 2014, upon proof of current ownership/lease of a competitive cross-over vehicle. Competitive models include specific VW, Toyota, Nissan, Mazda, Hyundai, Honda, GM, Ford and Chrysler vehicles. Some conditions apply, ask your retailer or go to kia.ca for complete details. ^Model shown Manufacturer Suggested Retail Price for 2015 Sorento 3.3L EX AT AWD (SR75HF)/2014 Rondo EX Luxury (RN75GE)/2014 Sportage SX AT Luxury AWD (SP75SE) is $34,495/$32,295/$38,295. * Highway/city fuel consumption is based on the 2015 Sorento LX 2.4L GDI 4-cyl (A/T)/2014 Rondo 2.0L GDI 4-cyl (A/T)/2014 Sportage 2.4L 4-cyl (A/T). These updated estimates are based on the Government of Canada's approved criteria and testing methods. Refer to the *EnerGuide Fuel Consumption Guide*. Your actual fuel consumption will vary based on driving habits and other factors. †The Bluetooth® wordmark and logo are registered trademarks and are owned by Bluetooth SIG, Inc. †Sirius, XM and all related marks and logos are trademarks of Sirius XM Radio Inc. and its subsidiaries. Information in this advertisement is believed to be accurate at the time of printing. For more information on our 5-year warranty coverage, visit kia.ca or call us at 1-877-542-2886.Kia is a trademark of Kia Motors Corporation.